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ANKARA-TURKEY-BULGARIA-2

OFFICIAL SOURCES, WHO REFUSED TO BE NAMED, SAID PRESIDENT KENAN EVREN HAS SENT A MESSAGE TO HIS BULGARIAN COUNTERPART TODOR ZHIVKOV TO ASK A SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM "WITHIN THE CONTEXT OF GOOD NEIGHBOURLY AND FRIENDLY RELATIONS" BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES.

THEY SAID A POSITIVE RESPONSE WAS RECEIVED FROM ZHIVKOV BUT GAVE NO DETAILS.

ETHNIC TURKS CONSTITUTE BULGARIA'S LARGEST MINORITY OF 1 MILLION, 10 PERCENT OF THE TOTAL POPULATION.

HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF TURKS, SETTLED THERE DURING 500 YEARS OF OTTOMAN RULE, HAVE BEEN REPATRIATED TO TURKEY THROUGH DEFECTION OR PROGRAMS WORKED OUT IN OFFICIAL NEGOTIATIONS TO REUNIFY SPLIT FAMILIES.

END(ANIL)

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TURKEY-BULGARIA-1 (WITH SOFIA DISTURBANCES V0198)

IMMIGRANTS FROM BULGARIA TO HOLD PROTEST RALLY

ANKARA, TURKEY (AP) - IMMIGRANTS FROM BULGARIA IN THE REGEAN PORT CITY OF IZMIR ON THURSDAY CLAIMED THAT ETHNIC TURKS ARE BEING PERSECUTED, TORTURED AND KILLED IN BULGARIA AND ANNOUNCED PLANS TO HOLD A PROTEST RALLY, THE INDEPENDENT HURRIYET NEWS AGENCY REPORTED.

THE DISPATCH QUOTED THE LEADER OF THE IMMIGRANT GROUP, MAYOR CENGIZ BULUT OF THE IZMIR SUBURB OF BORNOVA, AS SAYING THAT THEY RECEIVED THIS INFORMATION FROM LETTERS SMUGGLED OUT OF BULGARIA.

BULUT TOLD THE NEWS AGENCY THAT THEY HAD APPLIED TO THE REGEAN MARTIAL LAW COMMAND FOR PERMISSION TO HOLD A RALLY TO BE ATTENDED BY THOUSANDS OF TURKISH IMMIGRANTS FROM BULGARIA.

HE ALSO SAID THEY HAD SUBMITTED A PETITION, SIGNED BY RELATIVES OF ETHNIC TURKS IN BULGARIA, TO THE SPEAKER OF PARLIAMENT NECNETTIN KARADUMAN, DEMANDING TURKEY INTERVENE TO SOLVE THE PROBLEM.

ETHNIC TURKS, RESISTING OFFICIAL PRESSURE TO TAKE BULGARIAN NAMES, HAVE BATTLED AUTHORITIES IN THE SOUTHEASTERN PART OF THE COUNTRY AND DOZENS OF DEATHS ARE RUMORED, FOREIGN DIPLOMATS IN BULGARIA HAVE SAID.

TURKISH NEWSPAPER REPORTS PUT THE NUMBER OF THE DEAD AS HIGH AS 800.

THE CONSERVATIVE DAILY TERCUMAN REPORTED TUESDAY THAT SOME ETHNIC TURKS WERE TAKEN TO CONCENTRATION CAMPS AND OTHERS HAD ESCAPED TO THE MOUNTAINS.

FOREIGN MINISTRY SPOKESMAN YALIN ERALP SAID THAT "THERE IS A PROBLEM IN BULGARIA AND WE ARE TRYING TO SOVE IT."

BUT HE REFUSED TO CONFIRM THE NUMBER OF DEATHS REPORTED IN THE PRESS OR TO GIVE ANY DETAILS ON ALLEGED "FORCED ASSIMILATION OF BULGARIAN TURKS."

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turkey-bulgaria-1

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immigrants from bulgaria to hold protest rally

ankara, turkey (ap) - immigrants from bulgaria in the aegean port city of izmir on thursday claimed that ethnic turks are being persecuted, tortured and killed in bulgaria and announced plans to hold a protest rally, the independent hurriyet news agency reported.

the dispatch quoted the leader of the immigrant group, izmir suburb bornova's mayor cengiz bulut, that they received this information from letters smuggled out of bulgaria.

bulut told the news agency that they had applied to the aegean martial law command for permission to hold a rally to be attended by thousands of turkish immigrants from bulgaria.

he also said they had submitted a petition, signed by relatives of ethnic turks in bulgaria, to the speaker of parliament necmettin karaduman, demanding turkey intervene to solve the problem.

ethnic turks, resisting official pressure to take bulgarian names, have battled authorities in the southeastern part of the country and dozens of deaths are rumored, foreign diplomats in bulgaria have said.

turkish newspaper reports put the number of the dead as high as 800.

conservative daily tercuman reported tuesday that some ethnic turks were taken to concentration camps and others had escaped to the mountains.

foreign ministry spokesman yalim eralp conceded that +there is a problem in bulgaria and we are trying to solve it.+

but he refused to confirm the number of deaths reported in the press or to give any details on alleged +forced assimilation of bulgarian turks.+

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official sources , who refused to be named, said president kenan evren has sent a message to his bulgarian counterpart todor zhivkov to ask a solution to the problem +within the context of good neighbourly and friendly relations+ between the two countries.

they said a positive response was received from zhivkov.

ethnic turks constitute bulgaria's largest minority of 1 million, 10 percent of the total population.

hundreds of thousands of turks, settled there during 500 years of ottoman rule., have been repatriated to turkey through defection or programs worked out in official negotiations to reunify split families.

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SOFIA - NIGHT LEAD DISTURBANCES 2

MOST OF THE VIOLENCE HAS TAKEN PLACE IN VILLAGES NEAR THE CITIES OF KARDJALI, PLOVDIV AND HASKOVO, BUT HAS ALSO SPREAD FURTHER NORTH, TO THE REGIONS OF BURGAS, SHUMEN AND TOLBUHIN.

"IT SEEMS THAT THEY WANT TO ERASE THE REMAINING SIGN OF THE IDENTITY OF THE TURKISH MINORITY IN BULGARIA," SAID ONE SPECIALIST.

BULGARIA'S NEARLY 1 MILLION ETHNIC TURKS MAKE UP ABOUT A TENTH OF THE POPULATION AND ARE THE LARGEST MINORITY.

MANY OF THEM HAVE LIVED IN THIS COUNTRY SINCE THE YEARS WHEN OTTOMAN TURKS RULED BULGARIA, AND THERE HAS BEEN LONGSTANDING MISTRUST AND ENMITY BETWEEN THE NATIONALITIES.

COMMUNIST AUTHORITIES DID AWAY WITH TURKISH COMMUNITY SCHOOLS IN THE POSTWAR YEARS, AND BY 1974 TURKISH-LANGUAGE INSTRUCTION WAS VIRTUALLY ABOLISHED IN ALL SCHOOLS.

TURKS ALSO COMPLAIN OF ECONOMIC AND JOB DISCRIMINATION AND SAY THE PROBLEMS ARE COMPOUNDED FOR ANYONE WHO PRACTISES ISLAMIC FAITH.

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NIGHT LEAD DISTURBANCES

REPORT DEATHS, BEATINGS, IN CAMPAIGN TO ASSIMILATE
TURKS

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ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

SOFIA, BULGARIA (AP) - ARMY AND POLICE FORCES HAVE BEEN
WAGING A VIOLENT CAMPAIGN TO FORCE ETHNIC TURKS TO TAKE
BULGARIAN NAMES, WELL-INFORMED DIPLOMATIC SOURCES SAID
THURSDAY.

ONE FOREIGN SPECIALIST SAID AT LEAST 40 PEOPLE HAVE
BEEN REPORTED KILLED IN RECENT WEEKS, BUT CAUTIONED THAT
RELIABLE FIGURES WERE HARD TO FIX BECAUSE POLICE HAD SEALED
OFF MUCH OF THE TROUBLED AREA IN THE EAST AND SOUTHEAST TO
ALL BUT LOCAL TRAFFIC

BULGARIAN AUTHORITIES DECLINED TO DISCUSS THE ISSUE.
FOREIGN CONTACTS INSISTED ON NOT BEING IDENTIFIED BECAUSE
OF DIPLOMATIC STATUS.

ONE SOURCE WITH DIRECT ACCESS TO PREDOMINANTLY TURKISH
AREAS SAID SOLDIERS AND POLICE WERE SURROUNDING VILLAGES IN
THE NIGHT, THEN GOING DOOR TO DOOR PASSING OUT FORMS FOR
RESIDENTS TO CHANGE THEIR TURKISH NAMES TO BULGARIAN ONES.

"IF THEY DO THIS, THE PROBLEM IS SOLVED," HE SAID.
"IF THEY REFUSE, THEY ARE THREATENED, THEY ARE BEATEN.
THERE ARE CASES OF RAPE AND TORTURE." HIS ASSERTION COULD
NOT BE INDEPENDENTLY CONFIRMED.

THE SOURCE ESTIMATED THAT MOST ETHNIC TURKS IN
SOUTHEASTERN BULGARIA HAD UNDERGONE THE OFFICIAL NAME
CHANGES.

IN ALL, HE SAID, MORE THAN 100 PEOPLE HAD BEEN KILLED
SINCE THE NAME CAMPAIGN BEGAN TWO YEARS AGO, BUT SAID THE
DRIVE HAD INTENSIFIED TO A "MASSIVE PROPORTION" IN JANUARY
THIS YEAR.

MORE (LG-RP)

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DISTURBANCES

REPORT ETHNIC VIOLENCE IN BULGARIA

SOFIA, BULGARIA (AP) - ETHNIC TURKS, RESISTING OFFICIAL PRESSURE TO TAKE BULGARIAN NAMES, HAVE BATTLED AUTHORITIES IN THE SOUTHEASTERN PART OF THE COUNTRY, AND DOZENS OF DEATHS BEEN RUMORED, FOREIGN DIPLOMATS IN SOFIA SAID.

NO CONFIRMED CASUALTY FIGURES WERE AVAILABLE, ALTHOUGH "THERE SEEMS TO BE A HEAVILY INCREASED MILITARY PRESENCE" IN THE REGION, ONE SOURCE SAID.

ALL CONTACTS INSISTED ON NOT BEING IDENTIFIED, EITHER BY NAME OR NATIONALITY.

ONE ANALYST SAID HE HAD HEARD REPORTS OF AT LEAST 40 DEATHS IN RECENT WEEKS. TURKISH NEWSPAPERS HAVE REPORTED EVEN HIGHER TOTALS, HE SAID.

"IT'S DIFFICULT TO PIN DOWN BECAUSE IN A CLOSED SOCIETY, RUMORS TEND TO FEED ON THEMSELVES. SO THEY ARE ALL UNCONFIRMED.

"BUT THERE DEFINITELY IS A PROBLEM," HE SAID.

BULGARIAN OFFICIALS DECLINED TO DISCUSS THE ISSUE WITH A VISITING REPORTER.

ABOUT 1 MILLION PEOPLE, OR 10 PERCENT OF THE COUNTRY'S POPULATION, ARE ETHNIC TURKS, THE NATION'S LARGEST MINORITY GROUP. MANY OF THEIR FAMILIES HAVE LIVED IN BULGARIA SINCE THE OTTOMAN OCCUPATION, WHICH FOSTERED A STRONG TRADITION OF ENMITY BETWEEN BULGARIANS AND TURKS.

THE GOVERNMENT HAS RECENTLY BEEN ISSUING THE TURKISH POPULATION NEW IDENTITY CARDS AND GIVING THEM NEW, BULGARIAN-SOUNDING NAMES, THE REPORTS HERE SAID.

MOST OF THE FIGHTING HAS BEEN IN THE HASKOVO REGION, ABOUT 70 KILOMETERS (44 MILES) NORTH OF THE GREEK AND TURKISH BORDERS, ACCORDING TO THE REPORTS HERE. THE AREA IS HOME TO A LARGE PART OF THE TURKISH MINORITY.

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ANKARA-TURK-BULGARIA-2

OTHERWISE OFFICIALS HERE REFUSED TO COMMENT ON THE REPORTS, WARNING REPORTERS THAT EXTENSIVE MEDIA COVERAGE MUY JEOPARDIZE ATTEMPTS THROUGH OFFICIAL CHANNELS.

CAN SAID HIS AGENCY AND THREE OTHERS HAD ABOUT 1000 RESERVATIONS AT BULGARIAN HOTELS FOR TURKISH TOURISTS PLANNING TO TRAVEL THERE FOR WINTER SPORTS IN THE NEXT TWO WEEKS, TAKING ADVANTAGE OF A SCHOOL SEMESTER BREAK HERE.

HE SAID THEY WERE PLANNING TO OFFER RESERVATIONS IN ROMANIA AS AN ALTERNATIVE TO THESE TOURISTS.

CAN SAID BULGARIA HAD NOT CLOSED ITS BORDER AND TURKS TRANSITING THE COUNTRY ON THEIR WAY TO OTHER EUROPEAN POINTS WOULD BE ALLOWED THROUGH.

TURKEY'S INDEPENDENT NEWS AGENCY HURRIYET REPORTED FROM THE BORDER AREA THAT TURKISH DRIVERS TRAVELING TO EUROPE OR BACK THROUGH BULGARIA WERE CROSSING THE FRONTIER WITHOUT ANY DISRUPTIONS.

HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF TURKS, SETTLED IN BULGARIA DURING 500 YEARS OF OTTOMAN RULE, HAVE BEEN REPATRIATED TO TURKEY THROUGH DEFECTIONS OR OFFICIAL ARRANGEMENTS TO REUNITE SPLIT FAMILIES.

SEVERAL HUNDRED RELATIVES OF ETHNIC TURKS IN BULGARIA MARCHED IN ISTANBUL THIS WEEK TO PROTEST BULGARIAN OFFICIAL POLICY. THEY HAVE ALSO PETITIONED THE PARLIAMENT SPEAKER ASKING FOR INTERVENTION TO SAVE THE LIVES OF THEIR RELATIVES.

MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT FAIK TARINCIOLU HAS DEMANDED THAT PREMIER TURGUT OZAL GIVE INFORMATION TO THE LEGISLATURE ON THE CONDITION OF THE TURKS IN BULGARIA, IN A CLOSED SESSION IF NECESSARY.

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TURK-BULGARIA-1

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BULGARIA DENIES HOTEL ROOMS, SERVICES TO TURKISH TOURISTS
ANKARA, TURKEY (AP) - BULGARIA HAS NOTIFIED TURKISH AUTHORITIES
AND TRAVEL AGENCIES HERE THAT TURKISH TOURISTS WILL NOT BE GIVEN
HOTEL ROOMS OR BENEFIT FROM ANY SERVICES, TRAVEL AGENCY OFFICIALS
SAID WEDNESDAY.

MUAMMER CAN, A SPOKESMAN FOR CANTUR TRAVEL AGENCY BASED IN
ISTANBUL, TOLD THE ASSOCIATED PRESS IN A TELEPHONE INTERVIEW
THAT THEY RECEIVED AN URGENT TELEX MESSAGE TUESDAY FROM THE STATE-RUN
BULGAR TOURIST ORGANIZATION NOTIFYING THEM OF THE SITUATION.

HE SAID THE TELEX NOTE SAID THE MEASURE WAS IN RETALIATION AGAINST
ANTI-BULGARIAN COVERAGE IN TURKISH NEWS MEDIA.

TURKISH NEWSPAPERS HAVE BEEN PRINTING ARTICLES HIGHLY CRITICAL
OF BULGARIA'S TREATMENT OF ETHNIC TURKS IN THAT COUNTRY.

THE PAPERS SAID HUNDREDS OF ETHNIC TURKS WERE KILLED WHEN
THEY RESISTED OFFICIAL ATTEMPTS FOR +FORCED ASSIMILATION.+ THE
PAPERS DEMANDED TURKISH GOVERNMENT ACTION TO PROTECT THE RIGHTS OF
ETHNIC TURKS, BULGARIA'S LARGEST MINORITY WITH A POPULATION OF
ONE MILLION.

DIPLOMATIC SOURCES IN SOFIA, BULGARIA HAVE SAID THAT AT LEAST
40 PEOPLE HAVE BEEN KILLED IN A VIOLENT CAMPAIGN TO FORCE ETHNIC
TURKS TO TAKE BULGARIAN NAMES.

OFFICIAL SOURCES HERE SAID PRESIDENT KENAN EUREN HAS WRITTEN
TO HIS BULGARIAN COUNTERPART TODOR JHIVKOV ASKING FOR A SOLUTION
TO THE PROBLEM.

MORE (ANIL)

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TURK-BULGARIA-1

BULGARIA DENIES HOTEL ROOMS, SERVICES TO TURKISH TOURISTS
ANKARA, TURKEY (AP) - BULGARIA, PROTESTING THE
"ANTI-BULGARIAN" COVERAGE IN TURKISH NEWS MEDIA, HAS SERVED
NOTICE THAT TURKISH TOURISTS WILL NOT BE WELCOME IN THE COMMUNIST
COUNTRY, TRAVEL AGENCY OFFICIALS HERE REPORTED WEDNESDAY.

MUHAMMER CAN, A SPOKESMAN FOR CANTUR TRAVEL AGENCY BASED IN
ISTANBUL, SAID A MESSAGE FROM THE STATE-RUN BULGAR TOURIST
ORGANIZATION TUESDAY SAID TURKISH TOURISTS WILL NOT BE GIVEN ANY
HOTEL ROOMS OR OTHER SERVICES.

CAN, IN A TELEPHONE INTERVIEW WITH THE ASSOCIATED PRESS, QUOTED
THE MESSAGE AS SAYING THAT THE BULGARIAN MEASURE WAS IN RETALIATION
AGAINST ANTI-BULGARIAN COVERAGE IN TURKISH NEWS MEDIA.

THE BULGARIAN ACTION AFFECTED ONLY THE TOURISTS, WHO ARE FEW,
AND NOT THOUSANDS OF TURKISH WORKERS TRANSITING THROUGH BULGARIA TO
AND FROM WEST GERMANY AND OTHER EUROPEAN COUNTRIES.

TURKISH NEWSPAPERS HAVE BEEN PRINTING ARTICLES HIGHLY CRITICAL
OF BULGARIA'S TREATMENT OF ETHNIC TURKS IN THAT COUNTRY.

THE PAPERS SAID HUNDREDS OF ETHNIC TURKS WERE KILLED DURING THE
LAST TWO MONTHS WHEN THEY RESISTED OFFICIAL ATTEMPTS FOR "FORCED
ASSIMILATION." THE PAPERS DEMANDED TURKISH GOVERNMENT ACTION TO
PROTECT THE RIGHTS OF ETHNIC TURKS, BULGARIA'S LARGEST MINORITY
WITH A POPULATION OF ONE MILLION.

DIPLOMATIC SOURCES IN SOFIA, BULGARIA, HAVE SAID THAT AT LEAST
40 PEOPLE HAVE BEEN KILLED IN A VIOLENT CAMPAIGN TO FORCE ETHNIC
TURKS TO TAKE BULGARIAN NAMES.

OFFICIAL SOURCES HERE SAID PRESIDENT KENAN EVREN HAS WRITTEN TO
HIS BULGARIAN COUNTERPART TODOR ZHIVKOV ASKING FOR A SOLUTION TO
THE PROBLEM.

MORE (ANIL)

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ANKARA - TURK-BULGARIA-2

OFFICIALS HERE REFUSED TO COMMENT FURTHER, TELLING REPORTERS THAT EXTENSIVE MEDIA COVERAGE MAY JEOPARDIZE ATTEMPTS THROUGH OFFICIAL CHANNELS.

CAN SAID HIS AGENCY AND THREE OTHERS HAD ABOUT 1,000 RESERVATIONS AT BULGARIAN HOTELS FOR TURKISH TOURISTS PLANNING TO TRAVEL THERE FOR WINTER SPORTS IN THE NEXT TWO WEEKS, TAKING ADVANTAGE OF A SCHOOL SEMESTER BREAK HERE.

HE SAID THEY WERE PLANNING TO OFFER RESERVATIONS IN ROMANIA AS AN ALTERNATIVE TO THESE TOURISTS.

MOST OF THE HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF TURKS WHO SETTLED IN BULGARIA DURING 500 YEARS OF OTTOMAN RULE HAVE BEEN REPATRIATED TO TURKEY.

SEVERAL HUNDRED RELATIVES OF ETHNIC TURKS IN BULGARIA MARCHED IN ISTANBUL THIS WEEK TO PROTEST BULGARIAN ACTION.

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TURKEY-BULGARIA

BULGARIAN FOREIGN TRADE MINISTER WILL VISIT TURKEY

ANKARA, TURKEY (AP) - BULGARIAN FOREIGN TRADE MINISTER KHRISTOV WILL MAKE A BRIEF VISIT TO ANKARA FRIDAY TO DISCUSS REPORTS OF REPRESSION OF ETHNIC TURKS IN BULGARIA; THE SEMI-OFFICIAL ANATOLIA NEWS AGENCY REPORTED THURSDAY.

TURKISH NEWSPAPERS RECENTLY HAVE BEEN REPORTING THAT HUNDREDS OF TURKS WERE KILLED BY BULGARIANS IN THE LAST TWO MONTHS WHEN THEY RESISTED OFFICIAL ATTEMPTS AT "FORCED ASSIMILATION."

TURKISH FOREIGN MINISTRY SPOKESMAN YALIM ERALP CONFIRMED THE VISIT THURSDAY BUT SAID KHRISTOV WILL DISCUSS BILATERAL TRADE RELATIONS WITH TURKISH STATE MINISTER ABDULLAH TENEKECI. ERALP REFUSED TO GIVE ANY OTHER DETAILS ABOUT THE VISIT.

TURKISH OFFICIALS ARE TIGHT-LIPPED ABOUT THIS ISSUE, SAYING THAT EXTENSIVE NEWS MEDIA COVERAGE MAY JEOPARDIZE ATTEMPTS THROUGH OFFICIAL CHANNELS.

DIPLOMATIC SOURCES IN SOFIA HAVE SAID THAT AT LEAST 40 PEOPLE HAVE BEEN KILLED IN A VIOLENT CAMPAIGN TO FORCE ETHNIC TURKS TO TAKE BULGARIAN NAMES.

ETHNIC TURKS CONSTITUTE BULGARIA'S LARGEST MINORITY, WITH ONE MILLION, ABOUT 10 PERCENT OF THE TOTAL POPULATION.

KHRISTOV WILL STOP OVER IN ANKARA FRIDAY ON HIS WAY BACK FROM IRAN AND WILL LEAVE FOR HIS COUNTRY THE SAME DAY.

END (ALENDAR)

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TURKEY-BULGARIA

BULGARIAN AMBASSADOR DENIES REPORTS OF ETHNIC VIOLENCE

ANKARA, TURKEY (AP) - BULGARIAN AMBASSADOR ARGIR KONSTANTINOV DENIED PRESS REPORTS ABOUT ALLEGED ETHNIC VIOLENCE IN HIS COUNTRY, THE ISTANBUL DAILY NEWSPAPER MILLIYET ON FRIDAY QUOTED HIM AS SAYING.

KONSTANTINOV WAS QUOTED AS SAYING THAT THERE IS NO DISCRIMINATION AGAINST ANYONE AND EVERYBODY IS TREATED EQUALLY IN HIS COUNTRY.

TURKISH NEWSPAPERS RECENTLY HAVE BEEN REPORTING THAT HUNDREDS OF TURKS WERE KILLED BY BULGARIANS IN THE LAST TWO MONTHS WHEN THEY RESISTED OFFICIAL ATTEMPTS AT "FORCED ASSIMILATION."

DIPLOMATIC SOURCES IN SOFIA HAVE SAID AT LEAST 40 PEOPLE HAVE BEEN KILLED BY ARMY AND POLICE FORCES IN A VIOLENT CAMPAIGN TO FORCE ETHNIC TURKS TO TAKE BULGARIAN NAMES.

KONSTANTINOV SAID THAT NOBODY COULD FORCE PEOPLE TO CHANGE THEIR NAMES AND ADDED THAT ONLY COURTS WERE EMPOWERED TO CHANGE NAMES IN BULGARIA, MILLIYET QUOTED HIM AS SAYING.

THE STATE-RUN BULGARIAN TOURIST ORGANIZATION, BALKAN TOURIST, CANCELED ALL ORGANIZED TOURS TO BULGARIA BY TURKISH TOURISM AGENCIES ON TUESDAY, MESSAGING THEM THAT TURKISH TOURISTS WILL NOT BE GIVEN ANY HOTEL ROOMS OR OTHER SERVICES IN BULGARIA BECAUSE OF ANTI-BULGARIAN COVERAGE IN THE TURKISH NEWS MEDIA.

"BALKAN TOURIST IS A STATE ENTERPRISE AND IT IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ITS OWN DECISIONS," KONSTANTINOV WAS QUOTED AS SAYING.

BULGARIAN FOREIGN TRADE MINISTER KHRISTO KHRISTOV'S VISIT TO THIS CAPITAL CITY FRIDAY WAS CANCELED BECAUSE OF HEAVY FOG AT THE ESENBOGA AIRPORT.

ETHNIC TURKS CONSTITUTE BULGARIA'S LARGEST MINORITY WITH ABOUT ONE MILLION, OR APPROXIMATELY 10 PERCENT OF THE POPULATION.

END (ALENDAR)

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U.S. VOICES CONCERN OVER TURKISH MINORITY

WASHINGTON (AP) - THE STATE DEPARTMENT SAYS IT IS CONCERNED ABOUT REPORTS THE BULGARIAN GOVERNMENT IS RESORTING TO VIOLENCE TO FORCE THE TURKISH MINORITY IN BULGARIA TO ACCEPT SLAVIC NAMES.

A DEPARTMENT PRESS OFFICIAL SAID THURSDAY THAT IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION RECEIVED A WEEK AGO, THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT WAS PREPARED:

"WE HAVE READ WITH CONCERN REPORTS OF A BULGARIAN GOVERNMENT CAMPAIGN TO FORCE THE TURKISH MINORITY IN BULGARIA TO ACCEPT SLAVIC NAMES. WE ARE EQUALLY CONCERNED BY REPORTS OF VIOLENCE AGAINST THOSE PEOPLE WHO RESIST CHANGING THEIR NAMES.

"WHILE WE CANNOT CONFIRM THE ACCURACY OF ALL THE REPORTS, SOME OF WHICH ALLEGE NUMEROUS DEATHS, WE NOTE THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF BULGARIA SEEMS TO BE ATTEMPTING TO KEEP FOREIGN TRAVELERS OUT OF THE AREA."

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SOFIA - BULGARIAN TURKS 3

MISHEV SAID HE COULD CONFIRM THAT NO ONE WAS KILLED IN ANY VIOLENCE IN DZHEBEL AND OTHER VILLAGES IN THE AREA.

BOKOV SAID THE ^{cause} REASON FOR WHAT HE TERMED AN ANTI-BULGARIAN CAMPAIGN IN THE REPORTS OF FORCED NAME CHANGES AND DEATHS WAS "TO SEW TENSIONS BETWEEN TURKEY AND BULGARIA."

HE ADDED THAT "IT FOLLOWS NATURALLY THAT THE SITUATION IN THE BALKANS WILL BECOME MORE COMPLICATED."

ANOTHER SOFIA PRESS AGENCY REPRESENTATIVE INDICATED TO REPORTERS THAT WHILE THERE HAD BEEN A 10-YEAR BILATERAL AGREEMENT ON THE NUMBER OF ETHNIC TURKS ALLOWED TO IMMIGRATE TO TURKEY, THERE HAD BEEN SOME PROBLEMS IN THE PAST.

THE AGREEMENT WAS SIGNED IN 1968 BUT IT DID NOT COVER SO-CALLED SPLIT FAMILIES, WHOSE MEMBERS ARE LIVING IN BOTH COUNTRIES. THE PACT EXPIRED IN 1978.

END (RP - MH-FK)

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SOFIA - BULGARIAN TURKS 2

EDS: APOSTOL MISHEV MISHEV IS CORRECT NAME IN 5TH GRAF
OF THIS TAKE)

ACCORDING TO WESTERN DIPLOMATS, THE ALLEGED FIGHTING
APPEARED TO HAVE RESULTED FROM RESISTANCE, SOMETIMES WITH
WEAPONS, OF ETHNIC TURKS TO FORCIBLE CHANGE OF THEIR NAMES
INTO BULGARIAN ONES.

BUT BOKOV, WHO COMMENTS IN BULGARIAN WERE TRANSLATED
BY AN INTERPRETER, SAID AT ONE POINT IN ENGLISH, "NO
COMPULSORY CHANGES OF NAMES HAVE TAKEN PLACE IN BULGARIA."

THE REPORTED NAME-CHANGE CAMPAIGN WAS LINKED BY
DIPLOMATS TO A CENSUS SCHEDULED TO TAKE PLACE IN DECEMBER
1985.

IN AN EFFORT TO RIDICULE TURKISH NEWSPAPER REPORTS
ABOUT ALLEGED DEATHS AND SUICIDES AMONG THE TURKISH
POPULATION HERE, BOKOV PRODUCED TWO ETHNIC TURKS WHO ONE
TURKISH NEWSPAPER REPORTED HAD BOTH COMMITTED SUICIDE.

THEY WERE APOSTOL MISHEV MISHEV, A DEPARTMENT HEAD IN
A LOCAL COOPERATIVE FIRM IN THE SOUTHERN TOWN OF DZHEBEL=
AND TAKSIM ILIASUF, A MUFTI, OR ISLAMIC RELIGIOUS LEADER,
FROM THE PLOVDIV REGION.

MISHEV SAID HE AND MOST OTHER PEOPLE IN HIS TOWN HAD
VOLUNTARILY CHANGED THEIR NAMES AT THE END OF DECEMBER
1984. HE CONTENDED THAT MOST TURKS IN THE SOUTHERN AREA
AROUND KARDZHALI HAD DONE THE SAME, WITHOUT ANY OBLIGATION.

ACCORDING TO THE TWO TURKS, A MAJORITY OF THE TURKISH
POPULATION HAD ALREADY CHANGED THEIR NAMES.

THEIR STATEMENTS CONCURRED LARGELY WITH A REPORT FROM
ONE WESTERN DIPLOMATIC SOURCE WHO SAID THE NAME CONVERSION
PROCESS WAS VIRTUALLY OVER.

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BULGARIAN TURKS

GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL DENIES TURKS FORCED TO ADOPT
BULGARIAN NAMES

BY ROLAND PRINZ

ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

SOFIA, BULGARIA (AP) - AN EXECUTIVE OF THE STATE-RUN
SOFIA PRESS AGENCY DENIED THURSDAY THAT MINORITY TURKS HAD
BEEN FORCED TO ADOPT BULGARIAN NAMES OR HAD DIED IN FIGHTING
WITH GOVERNMENT MILITIA.

FILIP BOKOV, DEPUTY DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF THE NEWS
AGENCY, SAID, "FROM THE SURVEY ON THIS TOPIC, WE HAVE MADE
NO SUCH MEASURES" AGAINST THE COUNTRY'S ETHNIC TURKISH
COMMUNITY.

OFFICIAL WORD ON THE ABSENCE OF ANY VIOLENCE IN
TURKISH-INHABITED AREAS OF THE COMMUNIST NATION CONTRASTED
SHARPLY WITH INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM DIPLOMATIC SOURCES
HERE.

SOME OF THESE SOURCES SAID THAT AT LEAST 40 TO 50
PEOPLE, INCLUDING SOME MEMBERS OF THE BULGARIAN MILITIA, HAD
DIED IN CLASHES OVER THE PAST TWO TO THREE MONTHS.

OTHER DIPLOMATS PUT THE NUMBER MUCH HIGHER. ONE
WESTERN DIPLOMAT, ASKING NOT TO BE IDENTIFIED, TOLD THE
ASSOCIATED PRESS ON WEDNESDAY HE HAD LEARNED THAT A FEW DAYS
AGO TURKS AND POLICE HAD FOUGHT IN THE CITY OF SHUMEN, WEST
OF THE BLACK SEA RESORT CITY OF VARNA. *Sumlu*

BULGARIA'S TURKISH POPULATION LIVES MAINLY IN THE
SOUTH-CENTRAL PORTION OF THE BALKAN COUNTRY, NEAR HASKOVO
AND KARDZHALI, AS WELL AS IN THE NORTHEAST.

Kardzhali
THEIR NUMBER IS ESTIMATED AT ABOUT 900,000, AROUND 10
PERCENT OF THE BULGARIAN POPULATION.

BOKOV'S MEETING WITH A LIMITED NUMBER OF REPORTERS WAS
ARRANGED AT SHORT NOTICE.

ASKED WHY THERE WAS NO GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVE
THERE, BOKOV SAID THAT REPORTERS NOW IN BULGARIA WERE THE
GUESTS OF THE SOFIA PRESS AGENCY AND THAT IT WAS HIS
ORGANIZATION THAT HAD RECEIVED REQUESTS FOR COMMENT.

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ANKARA - BULGARIAN TURKS-2

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BULGARIAN TURKS-1

UNIVERSITY DEMANDS END TO ''MURDER'' OF BULGARIAN TURKS

ANKARA, TURKEY (AP) - MEMBERS OF THE ANKARA UNIVERSITY SENATE ON FRIDAY DEMANDED AN END TO THE ''OPPRESSION AND MURDER'' OF ETHNIC TURKS IN BULGARIA.

THE SENATE, THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE UNIVERSITY, ISSUED A STATEMENT ON THE ALLEGED BULGARIAN TORTURE AND KILLING OF MINORITY TURKS IN A CAMPAIGN TO FORCE THEM TO ACCEPT SLAVIC NAMES.

THE STATEMENT, TITLED ''AN ANNOUNCEMENT TO WORLD PUBLIC OPINION,'' CLAIMED THAT THERE WAS WIDESPREAD DISCRIMINATION AGAINST BULGARIAN TURKS EVER SINCE THE COUNTRY BECAME COMMUNIST IN 1946.

HIGH-LEVEL JOBS HAVE BEEN DENIED TO MEMBERS OF THE TURKISH MINORITY; ALL OF THEIR SCHOOLS AND MANY OF THEIR MOSQUES HAVE BEEN CLOSED, THE STATEMENT SAID.

''IT IS A SAD FACT THAT THE NAME-CHANGE CAMPAIGN, WHICH STARTED WITH OFFICIAL HARASSMENT, HAS TURNED INTO BEATINGS AND TORTURE AND EVEN MURDER OF THOSE RESISTING THE CHANGE,'' THE SENATE STATEMENT SAID.

IT QUOTED UNNAMED DIPLOMATIC SOURCES IN SOFIA AS SAYING AS MANY AS 500 MAY HAVE DIED IN THE ''BLOODY CAMPAIGN.''

TURKISH PEOPLE FEEL ''GREAT CONCERN AND DEEP SADNESS'' OVER THESE REPORTS AND THE UNIVERSITY SENATE AWAITS ''WELL-INTENTIONED ACTIONS OF THE BULGARIAN GOVERNMENT TO ELIMINATE THIS SITUATION,'' THE STATEMENT SAID.

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BULGARIAN TURKS-1

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TURKEY-BULGARIA-1

OZAL IMPLIES MASS IMMIGRATION FROM BULGARIA IS POSSIBLE
ANKARA, TURKEY (AP) - PREMIER TURGUT OZAL ON TUESDAY IMPLIED
THAT TURKEY MAY CONSIDER ALLOWING MASS IMMIGRATION TO TURKEY
OF BULGARIAN TURKS WHO ARE SUFFERING UNDER A CAMPAIGN OF FORCED
ASSIMILATION.

IN AN ADDRESS TO THE PARLIAMENTARY GROUP OF HIS RULING MOTHERLAND
PARTY, OZAL REPORTEDLY SAID THAT THERE IS A +DISTRESSING SITUATION+
IN BULGARIA BUT THE PROBLEM SHOULD BE SOLVED WITHOUT CAUSING
A QUARREL WITH TURKEY'S WESTERN NEIGHBOUR.

+I BELIEVE WHAT IS BASICALLY AN IMMIGRATION ISSUE IS LIKELY
TO COME UP ON THE AGENDA SOON,+ OZAL WAS QUOTED AS SAYING.

HIS REMARKS WERE RELAYED TO REPORTERS BY MOTHERLAND
PARLIAMENTARY GROUP LEADER ERCUMENT KONUKMAN. NO ELABORATION
WAS GIVEN.

MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT AND NEWSPAPERS HERE HAVE BEEN DEMANDING
THAT THE GOVERNMENT FIND A SOLUTION TO ALLEGED OPPRESSION AND
EVEN KILLING OF ETHNIC TURKS IN BULGARIA IN CAMPAIGN TO FORCE
THEM TO ADOPT SLAVIC NAMES.

ACCORDING TO AN ACCOUNT IN THE CONSERVATIVE DAILY TERCUMAN
TUESDAY AS MANY AS 2500 MEMBERS OF THE TURKISH MINORITY IN
BULGARIA HAVE BEEN KILLED AS A RESULT OF RESISTING OFFICIAL
PRESSURE FOR NAME CHANGES. DIPLOMATIC SOURCES IN SOFIA HAVE QUOTED
FIGURES BELOW 100.

AFTER THE MEETING, OZAL RECEIVED A GROUP OF 70 IMMIGRANTS
FROM BULGARIA WHO ARE SETTLED IN THE WESTERN CITY OF ESKISEHIR HERE.

SPOKESMEN FOR THE GROUP TOLD THE PREMIER THAT THEY WERE RECEIVING
REPORTS

REPORTS OF SEVERE MALTREATMENT FROM THEIR RELATIVES IN BULGARIA.
THEY SAID THE MOSQUES AND THE CEMETERIES OF THE MOSLEM TURKISH
MINORITY IN BULGARIA WERE BEING CLOSED.

THEY PROPOSED THAT ETHNIC TURKS BE ALLOWED TO IMMIGRATE TO
THE TURKISH SECTOR OF CYPRUS.

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OZAL ASKED THE IMMIGRANTS HOW MANY WOULD COME FROM BULGARIA IF TURKEY THREW ITS DOORS OPEN. THE ANSWER WAS +AT LEAST HALF A MILLION+.

THE TURKISH MINORITY IN BULGARIA IS ESTIMATED 900,000-STRONG , TEN PERCENT OF THE TOTAL POPULATION.

TURKEY IS NOT EAGER FOR MASS IMMIGRATION BECAUSE IT HAS A SERIOUS UNEMPLOYMENT PROBLEM AT HOME.

OZAL ALSO VOICED CONCERN TUESDAY THAT IN CASE OF A MASS IMMIGRATION, SOME +UNDESIRABLES+, AN APPARENT REFERENCE TO POSSIBLE BULGARIAN SPIES, WOULD ALSO ENTER THIS COUNTRY.

HE SAID THE PROBLEM WILL SOON BE DEBATED IN THE PARLIAMENT. OPPOSITION DEPUTIES HAVE DEMANDED A CLOSED SESSION OF THE PARLIAMENT FOR DETAILED GOVERNMENT BRIEFING ON THE BULGARIAN SITUATION.

TURKISH FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIALS HAVE BEEN REFUSING TO PLAY UP T THE BULGARIAN PROBLEM, SAYING THAT +QUIET DIPLOMACY+ WILL WORK BETTER TOWARD A SOLUTION.

BRITISH FOREIGN SECRETARY SIR GEOFFREY HOWE, WHO ARRIVED HERE FROM BULGARIA MONDAY, RELAYED A GOODWILL MESSAGE TO TURKISH OFFICIALS HERE FROM BULGARIAN FOREIGN MINISTER PETER MLADENOV, FOREIGN MINISTRY SPOKESMAN YALIM ERALP SAID.

ERALP SAID MALADENOV DENIED REPORTS OF ALLEGED FORCED ASSIMILATION OF BULGARIAN TURKS AND SAID HIS COUNTRY ATTRIBUTES GREAT IMPORTANCE TO GOOD RELATIONS WITH TURKEY.

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BULGARIAN TURKS-1

PARLIAMENT TO HOLD DEBATE ON BULGARIAN TURKS ISSUE

ANKARA, TURKEY (AP) - THE PLIGHT OF ETHNIC TURKS IN BULGARIA REPORTEDLY SUFFERING UNDER A CAMPAIGN OF FORCED ASSIMILATION WILL BE THE SUBJECT OF A GENERAL PARLIAMENTARY DEBATE, THE TURKISH LEGISLATURE VOTED WEDNESDAY.

IN A BRIEFING TO LEGISLATORS OF EVENTS IN BULGARIA AND TURKISH DIPLOMATIC EFFORTS TO DEAL WITH THE PROBLEM, FOREIGN MINISTER VAHIT HALEFOGLU TOLD LEGISLATORS, "WE SEEK DIALOGUE" WITH THE BULGARIAN GOVERNMENT.

THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN RELUCTANT IN RECENT WEEKS TO COMMENT ON REPORTS IN THE TURKISH AND WESTERN PRESS OF ALLEGED TORTURE AND KILLING OF THE TURKISH MINORITY IN BULGARIA.

HOWEVER, PRESSURE FROM MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT, TURKISH NEWSPAPERS AND REPORTS OF IMMIGRANTS FROM BULGARIA HERE HAVE FORCED THE GOVERNMENT TO ADDRESS THE SUBJECT.

HALEFOGLU SAID PRESS REPORTS HAVE CITED KILLINGS OF UP TO 800 BULGARIAN TURKS AS A RESULT OF THEIR RESISTANCE TO AN OFFICIAL CAMPAIGN TO ADOPT SLAVIC NAMES.

HE SAID BULGARIAN OFFICIALS HAVE DENIED THE ALLEGATIONS, BUT SAID THAT NO TURKISH OR WESTERN REPORTER HAS BEEN ALLOWED INTO THE NORTHEAST AND SOUTHERN PORTION OF BULGARIA WHERE THE INCIDENTS HAVE REPORTEDLY OCCURRED.

OPPOSITION DEPUTIES MADE CHARGES OF "GENOCIDE" AND DEMANDED A FORCEFUL GOVERNMENT POLICY TO SAVE THE MUSLIM-TURKISH MINORITY FROM WHAT THEY CALLED "INHUMAN TREATMENT."

HALEFOGLU SAID BULGARIA MUST HONOR BILATERAL AND INTERNATIONAL TREATIES ON THE QUESTION OF MINORITIES.

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ANKARA - BULGARIAN TURKS - 2

HE ADDED THAT TURKEY SEEKS DIALOGUE RATHER THAN CONFRONTATION WITH ITS BALKAN NEIGHBOR.

IN A GESTURE OF WELCOME TO THE BULGARIAN TURKS, HALEFOGLU DECLARED "OUR ARMS ARE ALWAYS OPEN TO OUR ETHNIC BROTHERS THERE."

SINCE 1925, 380,000 BULGARIAN TURKS HAVE EMIGRATED TO TURKEY. THE REMAINING ETHNIC TURKS CONSTITUTE BULGARIA'S LARGEST MINORITY AT AN ESTIMATED 1 MILLION, SLIGHTLY MORE THAN 10 PERCENT OF THE POPULATION.

THERE ARE OBVIOUS REASONS FOR TURKEY'S RELUCTANCE TO QUARREL WITH BULGARIA.

TURKEY'S MAJOR OVERLAND GATEWAY TO THE REST OF EUROPE IS THROUGH BULGARIA, IMPORTANT FOR COMMERCE, TOURISM AND TURKS WORKING IN EUROPE.

IN ADDITION, TURKEY AND THE SOVIET UNION HAVE PLANS TO EXTEND AN EXISTING NATURAL GAS PIPELINE FROM BULGARIA TO TURKISH THRACE, A PROJECT EXPECTED TO BOOST TURKEY'S TRADE WITH ITS GIANT NORTHERN NEIGHBOR.

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bulgarian turks-1

parliament to hold debate on bulgarian turks plight
ankara, turkey (ap) - turkey's one-house legislature on wednesday
voted unanimously to start a general parliamentary debate on the
plight of bulgarian turks who are allegedly suffering under a
campaign of forced assimilation.

under legislative rules the debate must be held within a
week of the decision.

in a preliminary debate wednesday, foreign minister vahit halefoglu
halefoglu gave a brief account of events in bulgaria and turkish
diplomatic efforts to solve the problem.

he proposed an in camera session of the legislature when the
general debate begins for more extensive government information
on the matter.

for the past several weeks, when reports appeared in western and
turkish news media of alleged torture and killing of members of the
turkish minority in bulgaria, the government was reluctant to
comment and preferred +quiet diplomacy+ in search of a solution.

however, pressure from members of parliament, newspapers and
immigrants from bulgaria here forced the government to end its
silence on the subject.

halefoglu said press reports cited killings of 40 to 800
bulgarian turks as a result of their resistance to an official
campaign to change their names to adopt slavic ones.

he said bulgarian officials have denied the allegations. but,
he pointed out that no turkish or western reporter is allowed
into the northeast and south portion of bulgaria where the incident
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incidents have reportedly occurred.

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there are important reasons for turkey's reluctance to quarrel with bulgaria.

turkey's major overland gateway to rest of europe is through bulgaria which thousands of export-import trucks turkish tourists and workers in europe transit yearly.

turkey and the soviet union have plans to extend an existing natural gas pipeline from bulgaria to turkish thrace, a project expected to boost turkey's trade with its giant northern neighbour.

turkey does not find its other western neighbour, greece, reliable. the two nato-member countries have long standing disputes over cyprus and the control of the aegean sea.

turkish and foreign airlines flew through the bulgarian airspace for six years when the airspace over the aegean was closed following turkey's invasion of cyprus in 1974.

as a result, turkey has kept quiet when massive arms and drugs smuggling through bulgaria came to light following the assassination attempt on ,pope john paul ii by turkish gunman mehmet ali agca.

agca has claimed that he acted as an agent of the bulgarian secret service to shoot the pope.

investigators probing the+bulgarian connection+ subsequently unveiled officially-sanctioned massive smuggling through the warsaw pact country.

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+this, inevitably, brings to mind a turkish proverb that there is no smoke where there is no fire,+ halefoglu said in expressing government's belief that something is definitely going on.

opposition deputies uttered cries of +genocide+ and demanded +a forceful government policy+ to save the moslem-turkish minority from +inhuman treatments+.

halefoglu said there are bilateral and international treaties that bulgaria has to honor on the question of minorities.

he said turkey does not want any negative developments in its good relations with its balkan neighbor, established with hard work through the years. +we seek dialogue,+ he said.

but, this +cool attitude+ should not be mistaken for disinterest in the matter, he warned.

+if the bulgarian turks , who have been living there for centuries and who are good citizens all, are a problem for the bulgarian government, turkey is willing to do all in its power,+ halefoglu said.

in a clear call for immigration to turkey of bulgarian turks, he declared +our arms are always open to our ethnic brothers there.+

since 1925, 380,000 bulgarian turks have immigrated to turkey. the remaining turks constitute bulgaria's largest minority at an estimated one million, slightly over ten percent of the population. more (anil)

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TURKEY-BULGARIA

COUNCIL OF MINISTER'S DISCUSSES BULGARIAN PROBLEM

ANKARA, TURKEY (AP) - PREMIER ~~UZAL TURGOT~~^{Turgut Ozal}'S CABINET ON MONDAY

DISCUSSED THE PROBLEMS OF THE TURKISH MINORITY IN BULGARIA, AND DECIDED TO TAKE ALL NECESSARY MEASURES, INCLUDING IMMIGRATION TO TURKEY TO EASE THE SITUATION, OFFICIALS SAID.

MESUT YILMAZ, STATE MINISTER AND GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN, TOLD REPORTERS THAT TURKEY'S AMBASSADOR TO BULGARIA, OMER LUTEM ATTENDED THE MEETING AND GAVE INFORMATION ON THE PLIGHT OF THE BULGARIAN TURKS.

YILMAZ SAID ALL INTELLIGENCE GATHERED SO FAR INDICATED THAT THERE IS A FORCED CAMPAIGN TO CHANGE THE NAMES OF THE TURKISH MINORITY INTO SLAVIC NAMES ACCOMPANNIED BY OPPRESSION.

THE PROBLEM OF THE BULGARIAN TURKS, THE LARGEST MINORITY AT AN ESTIMATED 1 MILLION, CAME TO LIGHT SEVERAL WEEKS AGO WITH PRESS REPORTS QUOTING DIPLOMATIC SOURCES IN SOFIA AS SAYING THAT TURKS RESISTING A NAME CHANGE CAMPAIGN WERE BEING KILLED.

TURKISH NEWSPAPERS CLAIM THAT BETWEEN 40 AND 400 ETHNIC TURKS HAVE BEEN KILLED.

ON MONDAY, YILMAZ GAVE NO INFORMATION ON ALLEGED KILLINGS. HE SAID PARLIAMENT WOULD DISCUSS THE ISSUE IN A GENERAL SESSION WEDNESDAY.

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ANKARA - TURK-BULGARIA - 2

HALEFOGLU'S MEETING WITH THE AMBASSADOR CAME HOURS AFTER PREMIER TURGUT OZAL'S CABINET MET TO DISCUSS THE PROBLEMS OF THE TURKISH MINORITY IN BULGARIA IN A LATE EVENING SESSION.

TURKEY'S AMBASSADOR TO BULGARIA, OMER LUTEM, ATTENDED THE MEETING AND BRIEFED THE MINISTERS ON THE PLIGHT OF THE BULGARIAN TURKS.

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TURKEY'S ONE-HOUSE PARLIAMENT WILL MEET IN CLOSED SESSION WEDNESDAY TO DISCUSS THE ISSUE IN A GENERAL DEBATE.

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TURK-BULGARIA-1

FOREIGN MINISTER DEMANDS ACCESS TO PROBLEM AREAS IN BULGARIA
ANKARA, TURKEY (AP) - FOREIGN MINISTER VAHIT HALEFOGLU DEMANDED
TUESDAY THAT FOREIGN AND TURKISH DIPLOMATS AND JOURNALISTS BE
GRANTED ACCESS TO AREAS OF BULGARIA WHERE ETHNIC TURKS ARE
ALLEGEDLY SUFFERING OPPRESSION.

HALEFOGLU RELAYED THIS DEMAND TO BULGARIAN AMBASSADOR ARGUIR
KONSTANTINOV IN A MEETING AT THE FOREIGN MINISTRY, AN OFFICIAL
STATEMENT SAID.

IT SAID KONSTANTINOV HAD DENIED REPORTS OF FORCED NAME CHANGES
OF BULGARIAN TURKS, MAINTAINING THAT TURKS WERE ADOPTING SLAVIC
NAMES VOLUNTARILY.

THE AMBASSADOR EXPRESSED REGRETS OVER THE ANTI-BULGARIAN
ATTITUDE OF THE TURKISH NEWS MEDIA AND SAID "CIRCLES THAT DESIRE A
DETERIORATION OF TURKISH-BULGARIAN RELATIONS ARE SPREADING THESE
REPORTS," THE STATEMENT SAID.

THE STATEMENT SAID HALEFOGLU RESPONDED THAT BULGARIAN'S DENIAL
OF EVENTS WAS IN CONTRADICTION WITH INFORMATION RECEIVED BY TURKEY.

THE MOST EFFECTIVE WAY FOR BULGARIA TO TERMINATE SUCH REPORTS IS
TO ALLOW FREE ACCESS TO PROBLEM AREAS, HALEFOGLU REMINDED THE
ENVOY, ACCORDING TO THE STATEMENT.

TURKISH AND FOREIGN PRESS REPORTS HAVE CLAIMED THAT MEMBERS OF
THE TURKISH MINORITY RESISTING NAME CHANGES WERE BEING KILLED. THEY
PUT THE DEATH TOLL BETWEEN 40 TO 800.

ACCORDING TO THE STATEMENT, HALEFOGLU REITERATED TURKEY'S DESIRE
FOR A NEGOTIATED SOLUTION, INCLUDING A POSSIBLE NEW DEAL FOR THE
IMMIGRATION OF BULGARIAN TURKS TO THIS COUNTRY.

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TURKEY-BULGARIA

PARLIAMENT DISCUSSES PLIGHT OF BULGARIAN TURKS

ANKARA, TURKEY (AP) - TURKEY'S ONE-HOUSE PARLIAMENT MET IN CLOSED SESSION WEDNESDAY TO DISCUSS THE PLIGHT OF BULGARIAN TURKS WHO ARE ALLEGEDLY SUFFERING OPRESSION IN A FORCED NAME CHANGE CAMPAIGN.

THE LEGISLATIVE VOTED UNANIMOUSLY A WEEK AGO TO START A GENERAL DEBATE ON THE ISSUE. THE GOVERNMENT THEN DEMANDED A CLOSED SESSION TO GIVE DETAILED INFORMATION TO THE DEPUTIES.

UNDER TURKISH LAWS, DEBATES IN A CLOSED SESSION CANNOT BE PUBLISHED EVEN IF NEWS MEDIA GET HOLD OF THEIR CONTENTS THROUGH SOURCES IN THE PARLIAMENT.

TURKISH AND FOREIGN PRESS REPORTS HAVE CLAIMED THAT ETHNIC TURKS IN BULGARIA WERE BEING KILLED WHILE RESISTING GOVERNMENT ATTEMPTS TO CHANGE THEIR MOSLEM NAMES INTO SLAVIC ONES.

BULGARIA HAS DENIED THE REPORTS. BUT TURKISH FOREIGN MINISTER VAHIT HALEFOGLU TOLD THE BULGARIAN AMBASSADOR HERE TUESDAY THAT BULGARIA'S DENIAL OF EVENTS WAS IN CONTRADICTION WITH INTELLIGENCE GATHERED BY TURKEY.

THE MINISTER SUGGESTED THAT THE MOST EFFECTIVE WAY FOR BULGARIA WAS TO ALLOW FREE ACCESS TO PROBLEM AREAS.

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TURKEY-BULGARIA

TURKEY PROTESTS BULGARIAN OPPRESSION OF ETHNIC TURKS
ANKARA, TURKEY (AP) - TURKEY OFFICIALLY PROTESTED FRIDAY
ALLEGED BULGARIAN OPPRESSION OF ETHNIC TURKS IN THAT COUNTRY. A
PROTEST NOTE, WAS RELAYED TO THE BULGARIAN AMBASSADOR ARGUIR
KONSTANTINOV HERE, STATE MINISTER AND GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN MESUT
YILMAZ ANNOUNCED.

TURKEY PROPOSED IN THE NOTE THAT THE BULGARIAN AND TURKISH
FOREIGN MINISTERS SHOULD NEGOTIATE A SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM;
INCLUDING A POSSIBLE DEAL FOR SUBSTANTIAL IMMIGRATION OF BULGARIAN
TURKS TO THIS COUNTRY; YILMAZ SAID IN A PRESS RELEASE.

IT WAS MADE CLEAR IN THE NOTE THAT TURKEY WAITS A RAPID RESPONSE
FROM BULGARIA; YILMAZ ADDED.

TURKISH AND FOREIGN PRESS REPORTS HAVE CLAIMED THAT MEMBERS OF
THE TURKISH MINORITY RESISTING NAME CHANGES WERE BEING KILLED IN
AN ALLEGED BULGARIAN ASSIMILATION CAMPAIGN IN THE LAST FEW MONTHS.
THEY PUT THE DEATH TOLL BETWEEN 40 TO 800.

KONSTANTINOV DENIED THE REPORTS ON TUESDAY DURING A MEETING WITH
TURKISH FOREIGN MINISTER VAHIT HALEFOGLU AND SAID THAT TURKS WERE
ADOPTING SLAVIC NAMES VOLUNTARILY.

YILMAZ SAID THAT BULGARIAN OFFICIALS' EXPLANATIONS +ARE FAR FROM
SATISFACTORY FOR THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT.+

HE SAID THAT THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT FOUND IT UNBELIEVABLE THAT
TURKS WERE CHANGING THEIR NAMES VOLUNTARILY. +THOSE KIND OF
DISCLOSURES BY THE BULGARIAN OFFICIALS STRENGTHEN THE CLAIMS (OF
FORCES ASSIMILATION),+ YILMAZ STATED.

HE SAID THAT IT WAS IMPOSSIBLE FOR THE CURRENT AND FUTURE
TURKISH GOVERNMENTS NOT TO BE CONCERNED AND NOT TO TAKE NECESSARY
MEASURES OVER THE PROBLEMS OF +OUR ETHNIC BROTHERS IN BULGARIA.+

THE PROTEST NOTE CAME TWO DAYS AFTER TURKEY'S ONE-HOUSE PARLIAMENT
HELD A CLOSED SESSION ON THE BULGARIAN PROBLEM.

THE BULGARIAN TURKS CONSTITUTE THE COUNTRY'S LARGEST MINORITY
AT AN ESTIMATED POPULATION OF 1 MILLION, 10 PERCENT OF THE TOTAL.

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TURKEY-BULGARIA

TURKEY PROTESTS BULGARIAN TREATMENT OF ETHNIC TURKS

ANKARA, TURKEY (AP) - THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT FRIDAY LODGED AN OFFICIAL PROTEST WITH BULGARIA FOR ALLEGED OPPRESSION OF ETHNIC TURKS IN THAT COUNTRY, AND CALLED FOR IMMEDIATE NEGOTIATIONS TO DEAL WITH THE PROBLEM, A TURKISH GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE COMMUNIQUE DENOUNCING THE REPORTED FORCED ASSIMILATION AND ASSASSINATIONS OF TURKS IN THE BALKAN COUNTRY WAS DELIVERED TO THE BULGARIAN AMBASSADOR IN ANKARA, ARGIR KONSTANTINOV, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

IN THAT NOTE, SAID GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN MESUT YILMAZ IPOSED A MEETING AS SOON AS POSSIBLE BETWEEN THE FOREIGN MINISTERS OF TURKEY A PROBABLE TOPIC OF DISCUSSION.

TURKISH AND FOREIGN PRESS REPORTS HAVE CLAIMED THAT BETWEEN 40 AND 800 MEMBERS OF THE TURKISH MINORITY RESISTING THE ALLEGED MANDATORY ADOPTION OF SLAVIC NAMES HAVE BEEN KILLED IN THE LAST FEW MONTHS.

KONSTANTINOV ON TUESDAY DENIED THE REPORTS DURING A MEETING WITH TURKISH FOREIGN MINISTER VAHIT HALEFOGLU, ASSERTING THAT ETHNIC TURKS WERE ADOPTING SLAVIC NAMES VOLUNTARILY.

YILMAZ SAID THAT EXPLANATIONS FROM BULGARIAN OFFICIALS "ARE FAR FROM SATISFACTORY FOR THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT," AND THAT GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS DID NOT BELIEVE THE TURKS WERE CHANGING THEIR NAMES VOLUNTARILY. "THOSE KINDS OF DISCLOSURES BY THE BULGARIAN OFFICIALS STRENGTHEN THE CLAIMS (OF FORCED ASSIMILATION)" YILMAZ STATED.

THE BULGARIAN TURKS CONSTITUTE THE COUNTRY'S LARGEST MINORITY WITH AN ESTIMATED POPULATION OF ONE MILLION, 10 PERCENT OF THE TOTAL.

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THE GUARDIAN (LIBERAL) ON BULGARIA AND ITS ETHNIC TURKISH
MINORITY:

"A NEW OUTBREAK (IS REPORTED) OF BULGARIAN PERSECUTION OF THE
TURKISH MINORITY OF (PERHAPS) SOME 800,000 PEOPLE LEFT OVER FROM
HALF A MILLENNIUM OF OTTOMAN RULE... UNDER COMMUNIST RULE SINCE THE
SECOND WORLD WAR, THE BULGARIANS HAVE BEEN TRYING IN FITS AND STARTS
TO 'ASSIMILATE' THE ETHNIC TURKS BY A SERIES OF RATHER HAM-FISTED
MEASURES. BECAUSE OUTSIDE OBSERVERS HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO PENETRATE
THE AFFECTED AREAS, INFORMATION IS SKETCHY, BUT IT HAS PROVED ENOUGH
TO PROMPT THE TURKISH PARLIAMENT IN ANKARA TO HOLD A SECRET SESSION
THIS WEEK TO SEE WHAT, IF ANYTHING, CAN BE DONE ABOUT IT. THERE
SEEMS TO BE NO DISPUTE THAT THE BULGARS ARE ENGAGED IN FORCING THE
MINORITY TO SHED TURKISH NAMES AND ADOPT SLAVIC ONES. THE GOAL SEEMS
TO BE THE ELIMINATION OF ALL TURKISH NAMES IN TIME FOR A CENSUS DUE
AT THE END OF THE YEAR... THE BULGARS EARNESTLY INSIST THAT THEY
ATTACH ENORMOUS IMPORTANCE TO GOOD RELATIONS WITH THEIR NEIGHBOR,
TURKEY... FORTUNATELY FOR BULGARIA THE TURKS ATTACH JUST AS MUCH
WEIGHT TO BILATERAL RELATIONS, NOTABLY IN THE ECONOMIC SPHERE, AND
HAVE SO FAR PROVED RELUCTANT TO ROCK THE BOAT. BUT -- UNLESS THE
FACTS OF THE MATTER ARE OPENLY DISPROVED -- SOMEBODY OUGHT TO SPEAK
UP FOR THE VICTIMS-- AND IF TURKEY FAILS TO DO SO IT IS HARD TO
IMAGINE ANYONE ELSE TAKING THE TROUBLE."

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TURKEY-BULGARIA

PARLIAMENT SPEAKER ASKS BULGARIA TO ALLOW LAWMAKERS' VISIT
ANKARA, TURKEY (AP) - PARLIAMENT SPEAKER NECMETTIN KARADUNAN
SAID SATURDAY THAT A GROUP OF TURKISH LAWMAKERS SHOULD BE ALLOWED
TO VISIT AREAS OF BULGARIA WHERE ETHNIC TURKS ARE ALLEGEDLY
SUFFERING OPPRESSION.

KARADUNAN, ADDRESSING A PRESS CONFERENCE HERE, TOLD REPORTERS
THAT SUCH A REQUEST WAS RELAYED TO BULGARIAN OFFICIALS FRIDAY BY
THE TURKISH FOREIGN MINISTRY.

TURKISH AND FOREIGN PRESS REPORTS HAVE BEEN CLAIMED THAT ETHNIC
TURKS WERE UNDER PRESSURE BY BULGARIAN FORCES TO ADOPT SLAVIC NAMES.

'IT IS VERY IMPORTANT TO ALLEVIATE THIS SITUATION,' KARADUNAN
ADDED.

HE SAID THAT HE BELIEVED IN MUTUAL NEGOTIATIONS TO DEAL WITH THE
PROBLEM.

TURKISH AND FOREIGN PRESS REPORTS HAVE CLAIMED THAT BETWEEN 40
AND 800 MEMBERS OF THE TURKISH MINORITY HAVE BEEN KILLED IN A
VIOLENT FORCED ASSIMILATION CAMPAIGN IN THE LAST FEW MONTHS.

TURKEY CALLED FRIDAY FOR AN IMMEDIATE NEGOTIATIONS INCLUDING A
POSSIBLE DEAL FOR SUBSTANTIAL IMMIGRATION OF BULGARIAN TURKS TO
THIS COUNTRY.

THE BULGARIAN TURKS CONSTITUTE THE COUNTRY'S LARGEST MINORITY
WITH AN ESTIMATED POPULATION OF ONE MILLION, 10 PERCENT OF THE
TOTAL.

AN ESTIMATED 380,000 TURKS HAVE BEEN REPATRIATED TO TURKEY SINCE
1925 THROUGH DEFECTION OR PROGRAMS WORKED OUT IN OFFICIAL
NEGOTIATIONS TO REUNIFY SPLIT FAMILIES. MANY TURKS SETTLED IN
BULGARIA DURING 500 YEARS OF OTTOMAN RULE.

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TURKEY-BULGARIA

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TURKEY TO DELIVER A DIPLOMATIC NOTE TO BULGARIA

ANKARA, TURKEY (AP) - THE STATE MINISTER MESUT YILMAZ SAID ON MONDAY THAT TURKEY WOULD DELIVER A NEW DIPLOMATIC NOTE TO BULGARIA OVER ALLEGED HARRESMENT OF ETHNIC TURKS IN THIS COUNTRY; THE INDEPENDENT HURRIYET NEWSAGENCY REPORTED.

ANSWERING REPORTER'S QUESTIONS IN THE WESTERN PROVINCA OF BURSA, YILMAZ SAID THEY FOUND BULGARIA'S REPLY TO TURKEY'S FIRST DIPLOMATIC NOTE £UNSATISFACTORY£.

TURKEY PROPED IN THE NOTE 10 DAYS AGO THAT THE BULGARIAN AND TURKISH FOREIGN MINISTERS SHOULD NEGOTIATE A SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM; INCODING A % POSSIBLE DEAL FOR SUBSTANTIAL IMMIGRATION OF BULGARIAN TURKS TO TURKEY.

TURKEY RECEIVED A REPLY FROM BULGARIA LAST WEEK. YILMAZ SAID THE NEXT DIPLOMATIC NOTE WOULD BE RELAYED TO BULGARIA AFTER THEY FINISH EXAMINING THE FIRST ONE. HE DID NOT ELABORATE.

TURKISH AND FOREIGN PRESS REPORTS HAVE BEEN CLAIMING THAT MEMBERS OF THE TURKISH MINORITY RESISTING NAME CHANGES WERE BEING KILLED IN AN ALLEGED BULGARIAN ASSIMILATION CAMPAIGN IN THE LAST FEW MONTHS. THEY PUT THE DEATH TOLL BETWEEN 40 TO 800.

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NEW YORK (AP) - HERE ARE EXCERPTS FROM A MONDAY EDITORIAL IN THE WALL STREET JOURNAL ON THE TURKISH MINORITY IN BULGARIA:

'REPORTS HAVE GRADUALLY LEAKED OF HORRORS COMMITTED BY THE BULGARIANS AGAINST THE COUNTRY'S MINORITY TURKISH POPULATION. AT LEAST 200 ETHNIC TURKS LIVING IN BULGARIA HAVE BEEN KILLED FIGHTING SOFIA'S 'BULGARIZATION' PROGRAM. THE COMMUNIST REGIME WANTS THIS GROUP OF ONE MILLION MOSLEMS, A TENTH OF THE BULGARIAN POPULATION, TO CHANGE THEIR NAMES AND FORSAKE THEIR RELIGION...

'WITNESSES REPORT THAT AREAS SCHEDULED FOR RENAMING ARE SEALED OFF BEFORE THE STORM TROOPERS ARRIVE. THREE JOURNALISTS FROM TURKEY WERE EXPELLED WHEN THEY TRIED TO INVESTIGATE. WOMEN ARE STRIPPED IN PUBLIC, AND MEN ARE BEATEN. EVEN IN AREAS NOT YET CHOSEN FOR THIS TREATMENT, THE BULGARS OUTLAW THE TURKISH LANGUAGE, DESTROY MOSQUES AND FORCE PRACTICING MOSLEMS FROM THEIR JOBS.

'BUT WHY THE SPECIAL CONCERN WITH NAMES? WHY SUCH VIOLENCE? THIS MAY BE PUNISHMENT FOR ANTI-GOVERNMENT BOMBS THIS SUMMER IN PLOVDIV, CENTER OF A TURKISH MINORITY AREA. ANOTHER EXPLANATION IS THAT BULGARIAN DICTATOR TODOR ZHIVKOV WANTS GOOD BULGAR RESULTS FROM A CENSUS HE'S CALLED FOR LATER THIS YEAR ... MOSLEMS REPRODUCE AT A FASTER RATE THAN SLAVS, BUT MR. ZHIVKOV DOES NOT WANT TO BE THE ONE TO BREAK THIS NEWS TO THE RUSSIANS. AFTER ALL, THE KREMLIN HAS A BIGGER MOSLEM PROBLEM TO DEAL WITH IN THE SOVIET UNION AND AFGHANISTAN

'TURKEY HAS OFFERED REPATRIATION, BUT SOFIA MUST FIRST AGREE TO LET ITS PEOPLE GO. SO FAR, NO WORD FROM SOFIA. GROUPS LIKE AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL, QUICK TO INSPECT TURKISH PRISONS, SHOULD NOW TAKE A LOOK AT BULGARIAN VILLAGES...'

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TURKEY-BULGARIA

TURKEY TO DELIVER A DIPLOMATIC NOTE TO BULGARIA

ANKARA, TURKEY (AP) - STATE MINISTER MESUT YILMAZ SAID MONDAY THAT TURKEY WILL DELIVER A NEW DIPLOMATIC NOTE TO BULGARIA OVER ALLEGED HARASSMENT OF ETHNIC TURKS IN THAT COUNTRY, THE INDEPENDENT HURRIYET NEWS AGENCY REPORTED.

ANSWERING REPORTERS' QUESTIONS IN THE WESTERN PROVINCE OF BURSA, YILMAZ SAID THE GOVERNMENT FOUND BULGARIA'S REPLY TO TURKEY'S FIRST DIPLOMATIC NOTE "UNSATISFACTORY." HE DID NOT ELABORATE.

TURKEY PROPOSED IN THE NOTE 10 DAYS AGO THAT THE BULGARIAN AND TURKISH FOREIGN MINISTERS SHOULD NEGOTIATE A SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM, INCLUDING A POSSIBLE ARRANGEMENT FOR A SUBSTANTIAL IMMIGRATION OF ETHNIC TURKS TO TURKEY.

TURKISH AND FOREIGN PRESS REPORTS HAVE ALLEGED THAT MEMBERS OF THE TURKISH MINORITY RESISTING NAME CHANGES WERE BEING KILLED IN AN ALLEGED BULGARIAN ASSIMILATION CAMPAIGN IN THE LAST FEW MONTHS. THE PURPORTED DEATH TOLL HAS RANGED FROM 40 TO 800.

ETHNIC TURKS CONSTITUTE BULGARIA'S LARGEST MINORITY WITH AN ESTIMATED POPULATION OF 1 MILLION, 10 PERCENT OF THE TOTAL.

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BULGARIA - TURKS

(WITH TURKEY - BULGARIA)

VIENNA (AP) - BULGARIA'S STATE-RUN SOFIA PRESS AGENCY DENIED TUESDAY THAT THE SOVIET BLOC COUNTRY IS PERSECUTING ITS ETHNIC TURKS AND ACCUSED "MALIGNANT FORCES IN THE WEST" OF FABRICATING SUCH REPORTS.

PUBLICATION OF THE SOFIA PRESS DISPATCH HERE ROUGHLY COINCIDED WITH A NEW DIPLOMATIC NOTE OF CONCERN BY TURKEY ABOUT ALLEGED OPPRESSION OF ETHNIC TURKS IN BULGARIA. SOFIA PRESS ALSO SUGGESTED SUCH NOTES CONSTITUTED INTERFERENCE IN BULGARIAN MATTERS -- IN EFFECT TELLING TURKEY TO MIND ITS OWN BUSINESS.

ACCORDING TO RECENT TURKISH AND WESTERN PRESS REPORTS, BULGARIA HAS BEGUN FORCING ITS TURKS TO ADOPT SLAVIC NAMES. BULGARIAN FORCES HAVE KILLED SOME RESISTING MEMBERS OF THE MINORITY, THE REPORTS ALLEGE.

BULGARIA HAS PREVIOUSLY DENIED THE NEW NAMES WERE MANDATORY AND TUESDAY'S SOFIA PRESS REPORT ALSO SPOKE OF "VOLUNTARY NAME CHANGES."

"ALL NONSENSE ABOUT A FORCED CHANGE OF NAMES FOR BULGARIAN CITIZENS IS BASED ON UNTENABLE INVENTIONS," SAID SOFIA PRESS. "WELL-KNOWN MALIGNANT FORCES IN THE WEST ARE STUBBORNLY TRYING TO DISCREDIT THE COUNTRY.

"THE SO-CALLED BULGARIAN TURKS HAVE NOTHING IN COMMON WITH THE TURKISH NATION OR THE TURKISH STATE," SAID THE REPORT. "THE ATTEMPTS OF OTHER GOVERNMENTS TO GET INVOLVED WITH THE SITUATION OF BULGARIAN CITIZENS CAN ONLY BE QUALIFIED AS INTERFERENCE IN THE INNER MATTERS OF A SOVEREIGN COUNTRY."

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TURKEY-BULGARIA

TURKEY GIVES NOTE TO BULGARIA OVER ETHNIC TURKS

ANKARA, TURKEY (AP) - TURKEY HAS DELIVERED A DIPLOMATIC NOTE TO BULGARIA FOR THE SECOND TIME IN 10 DAYS OVER ALLEGED OPPRESSION OF ETHNIC TURKS IN THAT COUNTRY, FOREIGN MINISTRY SPOKESMAN YALIN ERALP SAID TUESDAY.

ERALP TOLD REPORTERS THAT THE NOTE WAS GIVEN TO BULGARIAN AMBASSADOR ARGUIR KONSTANTINOV MONDAY.

TURKEY ASKED FOR MORE DETAILED INFORMATION ON THE PLIGHT OF ETHNIC TURKS IN BULGARIA, ERALP SAID.

TURKEY PROPOSED IN THE FIRST NOTE THAT BULGARIAN AND TURKISH FOREIGN MINISTERS NEGOTIATE A SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM, INCLUDING A POSSIBLE AGREEMENT FOR IMMIGRATION OF ETHNIC TURKS TO TURKEY.

BULGARIA'S REPLY CAME SIX DAYS LATER BUT IT WAS NOT "CLEAR AND CONCRETE," ERALP ADDED.

TURKISH AND FOREIGN PRESS REPORTS HAVE CLAIMED THAT BULGARIAN FORCES KILLED MEMBERS OF THE TURKISH MINORITY WHEN THEY RESISTED NAME CHANGES DURING AN ALLEGED ASSIMILATION CAMPAIGN IN THE LAST FEW MONTHS. THEY PUT THE DEATH TOLL AT 40 TO 800.

BULGARIA HAS ASSERTED THAT TURKS WERE ADOPTING SLAVIC NAMES VOLUNTARILY.

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TURKEY-BULGARIA

TURKEY CONDEMNS BULGARIA'S ANNOUNCEMENTS CRITICAL OF TURKEY
ANKARA, TURKEY (AP) - TURKEY ON THURSDAY CONDEMNED BULGARIA'S
RECENT STATEMENTS CRITICAL OF TURKEY'S CONCERN OVER ETHNIC TURKS
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THE SOVIET-BLOC NATION.

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STATEMENT THAT "IT WAS OBVIOUS THAT THOSE ANNOUNCEMENTS BY
BULGARIA WERE MADE TO HIDE THE ACTIVITIES OF ETHNIC VIOLENCE AND TO
DRAW WORLD PUBLIC OPINION TO OTHER AREAS."

BULGARIA'S STATE-RUN SOFIA PRESS AGENCY ON TUESDAY DENIED
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"UNSATISFACTORY" BY THE GOVERNMENT AFTER WHICH A SECOND NOTE WAS
RELAYED ON MONDAY.

SOFIA PRESS AGENCY'S REPORT, WHICH CAME ONE DAY AFTER THE SECOND
NOTE, SAID THAT "THE SO-CALLED BULGARIAN TURKS HAVE NOTHING IN
COMMON WITH THE TURKISH NATION OR THE TURKISH STATE."

ERALP REITERATED TURKEY'S CALL FOR FREE ACCESS FOR JOURNALISTS
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BULGARIA - TURKEY

BULGARIAN OFFICIAL REPORTEDLY REJECTS TALKS ON TURKISH MINORITY

BELGRADE, YUGOSLAVIA (AP) - A RANKING BULGARIAN OFFICIAL RULED OUT DISCUSSION WITH ANKARA ON ALLOWING BULGARIA'S REPORTEDLY PERSECUTED TURKISH MINORITY TO EMIGRATE, ACCORDING TO YUGOSLAVIA'S STATE-RUN TANJUG NEWS AGENCY WEDNESDAY.

"THERE IS AND THERE WILL BE NO EMIGRATION OF BULGARIAN CITIZENS TO TURKEY," SAID DIMITER STANISHEV, A CENTRAL COMMITTEE SECRETARY OF BULGARIA'S RULING COMMUNIST PARTY.

"NO BULGARIAN-TURKISH NEGOTIATIONS ON THIS QUESTION WILL BE HELD," STANISHEV WAS QUOTED AS SAYING BY TANJUG, IN A SOFIA-DATELINED REPORT. STANISHEV WAS ADDRESSING FARMERS IN THE BLEGOEVRAD, A DISTRICT IN SOUTHWEST BULGARIA, ACCORDING TO TANJUG.

ANKARA HAS EXPRESSED FORMAL CONCERN SEVERAL TIMES ABOUT REPORTS OF FORCED ASSIMILATION OF BULGARIAN TURKS -- A CAMPAIGN WHICH ALLEGEDLY INCLUDES ARBITRARY NAME CHANGES. THE UNCONFIRMED REPORTS SAY BULGARIAN FORCES HAVE KILLED SOME RESISTING ETHNIC TURKS.

BULGARIA PREVIOUSLY HAS DENIED WRONGDOING, SAYING ITS APPROXIMATELY ONE MILLION TURKS ARE ADAPTING SLAVIC NAMES OF THEIR OWN FREE WILL AND STANISHEV REPEATED THIS ARGUMENT, ACCORDING TO TANJUG.

THE PROCESS IN WHICH "OUR FELLOW COUNTRYMEN WITH TURKISH-ARAB NAMES VOLUNTARILY TAKE BULGARIAN NAMES" HAS SPREAD "SPONTANEOUSLY AND COMPREHENSIVELY," HE WAS QUOTED AS SAYING.

STANISHEV REPORTEDLY SUGGESTED THAT THE FATE OF TURKS IN BULGARIA WERE STRICTLY SOFIA'S BUSINESS. BULGARIA HAS DESCRIBED FOREIGN EXPRESSIONS OF CONCERN ABOUT THE TURKISH MINORITY AS INTERFERENCE IN ITS DOMESTIC AFFAIRS.

"WE SHALL NOT DISCUSS THIS WITH ANY STATE BECAUSE THERE IS NOT A SINGLE SECTION OF THE BULGARIAN PEOPLE WHICH BELONGS TO ANOTHER NATION," HE SAID, ACCORDING TO TANJUG. "THIS IS A FIRM AND UNCHANGEABLE POSITION OF ... BULGARIA."

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TURKISH DEMONSTRATION

ETHNIC TURKS DEMONSTRATE IN NETHERLANDS

THE HAGUE, NETHERLANDS (AP) - AN ESTIMATED 4,000 ETHNIC TURKS DEMONSTRATED OUTSIDE THE BULGARIAN EMBASSY HERE SATURDAY TO PROTEST THAT NATION'S ATTEMPTS TO FORCE ITS TURKISH MINORITY TO ADOPT BULGARIAN NAMES AND CUSTOMS.

THE DEMONSTRATORS LAID A WREATH OUTSIDE THE EMBASSY BUILDING IN MEMORY OF ALLEGED VICTIMS OF THE BULGARIAN ETHNICIZATION PROGRAM, ACCORDING TO DUTCH TELEVISION.

NO INJURIES OR ARRESTS WERE REPORTED.

THE BULGARIAN GOVERNMENT HAS REPORTEDLY ORDERED ITS TURKISH MINORITY TO DROP THEIR TURKISH NAMES AND CUSTOMS AS A MEANS OF INTEGRATING THEM MORE FULLY INTO THE BULGARIAN POPULATION.

BUT OPPONENTS OF THE GOVERNMENT MOVE CLAIM IT INVOLVES RELIGIOUS PERSECUTION, AND THERE HAVE BEEN ALLEGATIONS OF ETHNIC TURKS BEING KILLED FOR REFUSING TO OBEY THE GOVERNMENT'S EDICT.

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VIENNA - HUMAN RIGHTS 2

THE MEETING OF FOREIGN AND JUSTICE MINISTERS ADOPTED TWO OTHER GENERALLY WORDED RESOLUTIONS ON FUTURE IMPLEMENTATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND ON THE FUNCTIONING OF THE ORGANS OF THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE.

WHILE AUSTRIAN FOREIGN MINISTER LEOPOLD GRATZ LATER TOLD A NEWS CONFERENCE THAT RIGHTS INFRINGEMENTS WERE NOT DISCUSSED IN INDIVIDUAL COUNTRIES, CONFERENCE SOURCES SAID THE MEETING HEARD A TURKISH COMPLAINT ABOUT SUPPRESSION OF ETHNIC TURKS IN BULGARIA AND A COMPLAINT ABOUT THE DEATH PENALTY IN TURKEY.

THE COMPLAINT AGAINST BUCSUNVASADE BY TURKISH JUSTICE MINISTEFINECAT ELDEN, CONFERENCE SOURCES SAID. DR ABEBENT DURING THE NEWS CONFERENCE, ELDEN REITERATED HIS COUNTRYALEGELY FORCED NAME CHANGES, OBSTACLES TO FREE MOVEMENT OF THE 1 MILLION MEMBER TURKISH MINORITY AS WELL AS IMPEDIMENTS TO USING THE TURKISH LANGUAGE AND PRACTICING ISLAM.

'ALL THESE (FACTS),' SAID THE MINISTER, 'CONSTITUTE A VIOLATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS.'

IN AN EARLIER INTERVIEW, ELDEN SAID TURKEY HAD PROPOSED TO BULGARIA A MEETING OF THE TWO COUNTRIES' FOREIGN MINISTERS TO RESOLVE THE ISSUE. HE SAID TURKEY HAD ALSO OFFERED TO TAKE ETHNIC TURKS WILLING TO EMIGRATE FROM BULGARIA.

BULGARIA IS NOT A MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL, NOR ARE OTHER SOVIET BLOC COUNTRIES.

ONE RESOLUTION SAID THE MINISTERS 'DEEPLY DEPLORE THE FACT THAT WIDESPREAD AND SERIOUS VIOLATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS ARE ... OCCURRING IN MANY PARTS OF THE WORLD.'

MANY DELEGATIONS APPEARED SKEPTICAL ABOUT AN AUSTRIAN PROPOSAL FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF A HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS AND A SWISS PLAN TO MERGE THE COUNCIL'S HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION AND THE COURT OF JUSTICE FOR GREATER EFFICIENCY.

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ISTANBUL - TURKEY-BULGARIA-2

BULGARIA'S STATE-RUN SOFIA PRESS AGENCY ALSO HAS DENIED PERSECUTION OF ETHNIC TURKS AND ACCUSED TURKEY OF INTERFERING IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF BULGARIA.

TURKISH AND FOREIGN PRESS REPORTS HAVE CLAIMED THAT HUNDREDS OF TURKISH MINORITY MEMBERS RESISTING NAME CHANGES WERE KILLED IN THE LAST FEW MONTHS.

THE DEMONSTRATORS CARRIED BANNERS READING "'TURKS CAN NEVER BE BULGARIAN,'" "'WHERE ARE THE HUMAN RIGHTS ORGANIZATIONS?'" AND "'MURDERER BULGARIA: GIVE THE NAMES BACK AND AN ANSWER TO OUR NOTE.'"

TURKEY HAS SENT TWO NOTES TO BULGARIA OVER THE ALLEGED OPPRESSION OF ETHNIC TURKS IN THAT COUNTRY AND CALLED FOR A SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM THROUGH IMMEDIATE NEGOTIATIONS.

BULGARIA'S REPLY TO THE FIRST NOTE WAS FOUND UNSATISFACTORY BY THE GOVERNMENT AFTER WHICH A SECOND NOTE WAS RELAYED TWO WEEKS AGO. BUT THERE HAS NOT BEEN ANY RESPONSE FROM BULGARIA YET.

ETHNIC TURKS CONSTITUTE BULGARIA'S LARGEST MINORITY. THEY NUMBER ABOUT ONE MILLION, 10 PERCENT OF THE TOTAL POPULATION.

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TURKEY-BULGARIA-1

TURKS STAGE A MASSIVE ANTI-BULGARIAN RALLY

ISTANBUL, TURKEY (AP) - TENS OF THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE CARRYING RED AND WHITE TURKISH FLAGS ON THURSDAY TOOK PART IN A RALLY TO PROTEST AGAINST ALLEGED HARASSMENT OF ETHNIC TURKS IN BULGARIA.

IT WAS THE FIRST GATHERING RALLY PERMITTED BY THE MARTIAL LAW COMMAND IN TURKEY SINCE POLITICAL RALLIES BEFORE LOCAL ELECTIONS A YEAR AGO.

THE RALLY WAS ORGANIZED BY FOUR GROUPS OF TURKISH IMMIGRANTS FROM BULGARIA AND OTHER COUNTRIES. AT LEAST 10,000 TURKISH IMMIGRANTS WITH RELATIVES IN BULGARIA TRAVELED HERE FROM OTHER CITIES TO ATTEND THE DEMONSTRATION, THE ORGANIZERS SAID.

BEFORE THE RALLY STARTED, REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PROTESTERS LAID A WREATH DRAPED IN BLACK AT THE GATE OF THE BULGARIAN CONSULATE WITH A BANNER ON IT READING "STOP THE MASSACRE."

SPEAKERS AT THE RALLY CALLED ON THE INTERNATIONAL PRESS INSTITUTE, AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL, THE EUROPEAN ASSEMBLY AND THE U.N. HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION TO LODGE A PROTEST WITH BULGARIA AGAINST THE ALLEGED ASSIMILATION CAMPAIGN AND TO TAKE PUNITIVE ECONOMIC MEASURES AGAINST THE COMMUNIST COUNTRY.

"THE BULGARIAN GOVERNMENT'S ACTIVITY OF NATIONALIZING BY FORCE 3.8 MILLION MOSLEM TURKS SINCE 1969 IS A CRIME AGAINST HUMANITY AND CIVILIZATION," SAID A STATEMENT DISTRIBUTED DURING THE RALLY.

BULGARIAN OFFICIALS HAVE DENIED THE CHARGES AND SAID REPEATEDLY THAT TURKS IN THEIR COUNTRY WERE ADOPTING SLAVIC NAMES VOLUNTARILY.

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TURKEY - BULGARIA

NAME CHANGES OF TURKS IN BULGARIA VOLUNTARY, SAYS
OFFICIAL

VIENNA (AP) - A SENIOR BULGARIAN OFFICIAL, IN AN INTERVIEW PUBLISHED FRIDAY, SUGGESTED NAME CHANGES BY TURKS IN HIS COUNTRY ARE VOLUNTARY, IN WHAT AMOUNTED TO A RENEWED DENIAL OF REPORTS THAT TURKISH BULGARIANS ARE BEING FORCED TO ASSIMILATE.

BULGARIA'S OFFICIAL BTA NEWS AGENCY ATTRIBUTED THE STATEMENTS TO LYUBOMIR POPOV, A DEPUTY MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND SAID HE COMMENTED IN THE STATE-RUN OTECHESTVEN FRONT NEWSPAPER.

"AS IS KNOWN ... FOR SOME DECADES NOW MANY BULGARIAN CITIZENS, BEARING NAMES WHICH ARE UNTRADITIONAL FOR THE BULGARIANS, HAVE BEEN EXERCISING THEIR RIGHT TO CHANGE THEM," HE REPORTEDLY SAID.

TURKISH AND OTHER NEWS REPORTS HAVE CLAIMED THAT HUNDREDS OF TURKISH MINORITY MEMBERS RESISTING NAME CHANGES HAVE BEEN KILLED IN BULGARIA IN THE LAST FEW MONTHS. THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT HAS EXPRESSED ITS CONCERN.

BULGARIA MAINTAINS SUCH NAME CHANGES ARE VOLUNTARY AND HAS ACCUSED TURKEY OF INTERFERING IN BULGARIA'S INTERNAL AFFAIRS.

"NO COUNTRY ... AND NO GOVERNMENT CAN CLAIM TO BE THE SOLE REPRESENTATIVES OF A GIVEN RELIGION," POPOV REPORTEDLY SAID, IN AN APPARENT ALLUSION TO TURKISH STATEMENTS OF CONCERN. "THE NEXT STEP WOULD BE INTERVENTION IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF SOVEREIGN STATES."

POPOV SAID THAT THE BULGARIAN CONSTITUTION GUARANTEES THE FREE EXERCISE OF RELIGION, ACCORDING TO BTA, MONITORED HERE.

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BULGARIA-TURKEY

HINTS AT RESETTLEMENT OF BULGARIAN TURKS

BELGRADE, YUGOSLAVIA (AP) - A SENIOR BULGARIAN OFFICIAL HAS ATTACKED TURKEY FOR INTERFERING IN BULGARIA'S INTERNAL AFFAIRS AND MENTIONED RESETTLEMENT OF SOME ETHNIC TURKS INSIDE THE COUNTRY; YUGOSLAVIA'S TANJUG NEWS AGENCY REPORTED FROM SOFIA THURSDAY.

STANKO TODOROV, A BULGARIAN COMMUNIST PARTY POLITBURO MEMBER, TOLD A RALLY IN THE TURKISH-POPULATED SLIVEN REGION THAT AUTHORITIES WOULD RESETTLE ALL UNHAPPY ETHNIC TURKS WHO WANTED TO MOVE, TANJUG REPORTED.

"ALL THOSE WHO DANCE TO THE MUSIC OF ANKARA PROPAGANDA AND ITS NATIONALIST AGENTS IN BULGARIA AND WHO DO NOT WISH TO LIVE IN THEIR NATIVE VILLAGES AND TOWNS CAN RESETTLE," TODOROV WAS QUOTED AS SAYING.

A SENIOR BULGARIAN OFFICIAL, NOT IDENTIFIED BY NAME, RULED OUT "ANY PROSPECTS OF ETHNIC TURKS BEING ALLOWED TO EMIGRATE TO TURKEY," SAID TANJUG.

SOME TURKISH OFFICIALS HAVE SEEN EMIGRATION AS A SOLUTION FOR ETHNIC TURKS WHO CLAIM THEY HAVE BEEN FORCED TO CHANGE THEIR NAMES TO BULGARIAN ONES IN AN ASSIMILATION DRIVE,

TODOROV REJECTED THE IDEA THAT BULGARIA WAS CARRYING OUT FORCED ASSIMILATION OF THE ETHNIC GROUPS LIVING THERE.

"IT IS ONLY THE RETURN TO OUR COMMON FAMILY OF OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS WHOSE NATIONAL CONSCIOUSNESS HAS FOR CENTURIES BEEN KEPT IN DARKNESS BY FOREIGN CONQUERORS," HE SAID. TURKEY RULED BULGARIA FOR CENTURIES.

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BULGARIA-TURKS; 0253

US SAYS BULGARIA REPRESSES TURKISH MINORITY

WASHINGTON (AP) - THE U.S. STATE DEPARTMENT SAID TUESDAY THERE IS "CLEAR EVIDENCE" THAT BULGARIA IS DETERMINED TO DENATIONALIZE THE 1 MILLION ETHNIC TURKS IN THE COUNTRY BY FORCING THEM TO ADOPT SLAVIC NAMES, SOMETIMES AT GUNPOINT.

AS PART OF THE ALLEGED CAMPAIGN, DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN BERNARD KALB SAID ALL BULGARIAN GOVERNMENT-SUPPORTED TURKISH LANGUAGE RADIO BROADCASTS HAVE CEASED AND TURKISH LANGUAGE NEWSPAPERS HAVE BEEN SHUT DOWN.

"THE GOVERNMENT OF BULGARIA APPEARS DETERMINED TO DENATIONALIZE THE 1 MILLION-STRONG TURKISH-SPEAKING POPULATION INSIDE ITS BORDERS, ELIMINATING ALL ETHNIC AND CULTURAL DISTINCTIONS," KALB SAID.

A WASHINGTON POST ACCOUNT OF THE ALLEGED BULGARIAN CAMPAIGN THAT COINCIDED WITH THE START OF A VISIT HERE TUESDAY BY TURKISH PRIME MINISTER TURGUT OZAL SAID THE PROGRAM HAS LED TO "NUMEROUS DEATHS."

KALB SAID THE REPORTS OF REPRESSION AGAINST ETHNIC TURKS IN BULGARIA HAVE BEEN DIFFICULT TO VERIFY BECAUSE THE TURKISH MINORITY IS CONCENTRATED IN AREAS THAT ARE CLOSED FROM TIME TO TIME TO OUTSIDERS.

"NEVERTHELESS, THERE IS CLEAR EVIDENCE THAT BULGARIAN AUTHORITIES HAVE UNDERTAKEN A CONCERTED DENATIONALIZATION CAMPAIGN," KALB SAID.

"BULGARIAN POLICE AND MILITARY HAVE AT VARIOUS PLACES AND TIMES ENGAGED IN A GUNPOINT PROGRAM TO COERCE MEMBERS OF THE TURKISH MINORITY TO APPLY 'VOLUNTARILY' TO GIVE UP THEIR TURKISH IDENTITIES AND ASSUME SLAVIC-STYLE NAMES."

IN SOME CASES, KALB ADDED, TROOPS SUPPORTED BY TANKS HAVE SURROUNDED ENTIRE VILLAGES, TRANSPORTING INHABITANTS TO CENTRAL ADMINISTRATIVE CENTERS FOR RENAMING. THERE ARE ALSO REPORTS THAT SOME RESISTERS HAVE BEEN "SUMMARILY SHOT," HE SAID.

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ANKARA - TURKS-BULGARIA-2

YILMAZ CHARGED THAT BULGARIANS REFUSED NEGOTIATIONS ON POSSIBLE EMIGRATION "BECAUSE THE ETHNIC TURKS THERE ARE A LABOR FORCE TO BE EXPLOITED."

TURKEY HAS SENT DIPLOMATIC NOTES TO BULGARIA IN THE PAST TWO MONTHS, ASKING FOR TALKS WITH A VIEW TO FINDING A SOLUTION WHICH COULD INCLUDE MASS IMMIGRATION TO TURKEY.

"DESPITE ALL OPPRESSION THE BULGARIAN TURKS WILL RETAIN THEIR ETHNIC IDENTITY AND TURKEY WILL ALWAYS BE ON THEIR SIDE," YILMAZ SAID.

ETHNIC TURKS IN BULGARIA ARE ESTIMATED AT ONE MILLION, OR TEN PERCENT OF THE COUNTRY'S TOTAL POPULATION.

ON TUESDAY THE U.S. STATE DEPARTMENT CITED "CLEAR EVIDENCE" THAT BULGARIA IS DETERMINED TO "DENATIONALIZE" THE ENTIRE TURKISH COMMUNITY.

DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN BERNARD KALB SAID THAT IN SOME CASES TROOPS SUPPORTED BY TANKS HAVE SURROUNDED ENTIRE VILLAGES, TRANSPORTING INHABITANTS TO CENTRAL ADMINISTRATIVE CENTERS FOR RENAMING. THERE ARE ALSO REPORTS THAT SOME RESISTERS HAVE BEEN "SUMMARILY SHOT," HE SAID.

ACCORDING TO FOREIGN AND TURKISH NEWSPAPER REPORTS 40 TO 800 TURKS HAVE BEEN KILLED IN RESISTING FORCED NAME CHANGES.

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TURKS INSERT

ANKARA - TURKS-BULGARIA 1 (R169), TO UPDATE, INSERT AFTER LAST
GRAF: REPORTERS.

YILMAZ'S REMARKS WERE THE STRONGEST TO DATE BY A TURKISH
GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL SINCE REPORTS OF MISTREATMENT OF THE ETHNIC
TURKS BEGAN SURFACING THREE MONTHS AGO.

UNTIL WEDNESDAY, TURKEY HAS NOT OPENLY ACCUSED BULGARIA. ANKARA
HARDENED ITS POSITION AFTER REPEATED TURKISH OVERTURES FOR
NEGOTIATIONS WERE REJECTED BY BULGARIAN AUTHORITIES WHO WARNED
TURKEY NOT TO INTERFERE IN BULGARIA'S INTERNAL AFFAIRS, OFFICIAL
SOURCES SAID.

YILMAZ CHARGED ETC FIRST GRAF OF SECOND TAKE, R172.

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TURKS-BULGARIA-1

TURKEY ACCUSES BULGARIA OF RACIST, CHAUVINIST POLICIES

ANKARA, TURKEY (AP) - TURKEY ON WEDNESDAY ACCUSED BULGARIA OF USING "RACIST AND CHAUVINIST" POLICIES IN THE TREATMENT OF ETHNIC TURKS IN THE SOVIET BLOC COUNTRY.

STATE MINISTER AND GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN MESUT YILMAZ SAID BULGARIAN OFFICIALS RECENTLY ANNOUNCED THAT ETHNIC TURKS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO LEAVE THE COUNTRY AND THAT THEY MAY BE RESETTLED INSTEAD WITHIN THE COUNTRY.

BULGARIAN POLITBURO MEMBER STANKO TODOROV RECENTLY DENIED THAT THE BULGARIAN TURKS WERE BEING FORCED TO CHANGE THEIR NAMES AS PART OF THE GOVERNMENT'S ASSIMILATION CAMPAIGN.

IN A STATEMENT CARRIED IN THE YUGOSLAV ANJUG NEWS AGENCY, TODOROV SAID "IT IS ONLY THE RETURN TO OUR COMMON FAMILY OF BROTHERS AND SISTERS WHOSE NATIONAL CONSCIOUSNESS HAS FOR CENTURIES BEEN KEPT IN DARKNESS BY FOREIGN CONQUERORS."

TURKEY RULED BULGARIA FOR 500 YEARS.

YILMAZ SAID TODOROV'S REMARKS WERE TANTAMOUNT TO DENYING THE EXISTENCE OF ETHNIC TURKS AND PRESENTING THEM AS BULGARIANS AS PART OF WHAT HE CALLED "RACIST AND CHAUVINISTIC POLICY."

"THEY HAVE ALSO COME UP WITH RIDICULOUS CLAIMS THAT TURKS ARE CHANGING THEIR NAMES VOLUNTARILY," YILMAZ SAID.

"THE BULGARIANS HOPE THAT TURKS WILL FORGET THEIR ETHNIC IDENTITY AND CULTURE IF THEIR NAMES ARE CHANGED AND ANY HOPE FOR EMIGRATION IS RULED OUT," THE MINISTER SAID IN A WRITTEN STATEMENT DISTRIBUTED TO REPORTERS.

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TURKEY - BULGARIA

BULGARIA SAYS ONE OF ITS CITIZENS ABDUCTED, TORTURED
BY TURKS

VIENNA (AP) - BULGARIA ON THURSDAY ACCUSED TURKEY OF
TORTURING ONE OF ITS NATIONALS AND CHARGED HE HAD BEEN
ABDUCTED WHILE ON A TRIP TO AUSTRIA AS PART OF AN
ANTI-BULGARIAN CAMPAIGN.

BULGARIA'S STATE-RUN BTA NEWS AGENCY SAID ALEXANDER
MARINOV ULYANOV "HAD BEEN FORCIBLY TAKEN" FROM AUSTRIA TO
MUNICH, WEST GERMANY AND ON TO ISTANBUL, TURKEY. THERE "HE
HAD BEEN SUBJECTED TO BRUTAL TORTURES IN ORDER TO EXTORT
SOME ANTI-BULGARIAN STATEMENTS FROM HIM," ACCORDING TO BTA,
MONITORED HERE.

ON WEDNESDAY, ALI MEHMET YUSUFOV, A BULGARIAN OF
TURKISH ORIGIN, CLAIMED IN ISTANBUL HE HAD BEEN KIDNAPPED BY
TURKISH POLICE AND TORTURED UNTIL HE ESCAPED FROM A REFUGEE
CAMP AND TOOK REFUGE IN THE BULGARIAN CONSULATE.

THE BTA REPORT MADE CLEAR INDIRECTLY THAT ULYANOV WAS
IDENTICAL WITH YUSUFOV. "ULYANOV CATEGORICALLY DECLARED
THAT HE HAD CHANGED HIS NAME OF HIS OWN FREE WILL BECAUSE HE
FEELS HIMSELF A BULGARIAN," IT SAID.

RELATIONS BETWEEN NEIGHBORING BULGARIA AND TURKEY HAVE
SOURD IN RECENT MONTHS OVER REPORTS BULGARIA WAS FORCING
ITS ETHNIC TURKS TO ADAPT SLAVIC NAMES IN A
SOMETIMES-VIOLENT ASSIMILATION CAMPAIGN. BULGARIA INSISTS
ALL NAME CHANGES ARE VOLUNTARY.

QUOTING YUSUFOV, THE INDEPENDENT ISTANBUL DAILY
HURRIYET REPORTED MARCH 21 THAT HE FLED FROM BULGARIA WITH A
FALSE PASSPORT BECAUSE OF THE FORCED ASSIMILATION CAMPAIGN.
HE WAS HELD IN AUSTRIA, PROVIDED WITH PAPERS DECLARING HIM A
STATELESS PERSON, AND TRAVELLED TO TURKEY, WHERE HE SOUGHT
POLITICAL ASYLUM, SAID HURRIYET.

BTA SAID ULYANOV WANTS TO RETURN TO BULGARIA AS SOON
AS POSSIBLE. "THIS IS ALSO REQUIRED BY HIS GRAVE HEALTH
CONDITION, A RESULT OF THE PHYSICAL TORTURES, THE TERROR AND
THE MORAL HARASSMENT HE HAS BEEN SUBJECTED TO BY THE TURKISH
SPECIAL SERVICES," IT SAID.

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TURKEY - BULGARIA

BULGARIAN WEEKLY SAYS TURKISH ARTICLE "GROSS INTERVENTION"

VIENNA (AP) - A STATE-RUN BULGARIAN MAGAZINE ACCUSED UNSPECIFIED "REACTIONARY QUARTERS IN TURKEY" MONDAY OF FUELLING AN ANTI-BULGARIAN CAMPAIGN, IN THE NEWEST DENIAL OF REPORTS THAT BULGARIA WAS FORCING ITS TURKS TO ASSIMILATE.

RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES HAVE SOURED IN RECENT MONTHS OVER REPORTS BULGARIA WAS USING SOMETIMES VIOLENT METHODS TO GET ITS ETHNIC TURKS TO ADAPT SLAVIC NAMES. ISTAMBUL HAS EXPRESSED OFFICIAL CONCERN BUT SOFIA INSISTS THE NAME CHANGES ARE VOLUNTARY.

"THE ASSIMILATION ACCUSATIONS ... COME FROM THE MOST REACTIONARY QUARTERS IN TURKEY," SAID THE MAGAZINE POGLED, QUOTED BY THE STATE-RUN BTA NEWS AGENCY. "MOSLEMS IN THIS COUNTRY ENJOY FULL FREEDOM AS GUARANTEED UNDER THE CONSTITUTION AND THE LAWS."

TURKISH NEWSPAPERS RECENTLY REPORTED THE DEFECTION OF AN ETHNIC TURK FROM BULGARIA AND QUOTED HIM AS SAYING HE FLED TO ESCAPE THE ASSIMILATION CAMPAIGN. THE STATE-RUN BULGARIAN PRESS SAYS HE WAS ABDUCTED AND CITE HIM AS SAYING HE WAS FORCED TO SAY NEGATIVE THINGS ABOUT HIS COUNTRY, AS PART OF AN ANTI-BULGARIAN CAMPAIGN.

REFERRING TO THE CASE, POGLED SAID THE MAN "REJECTED THE FALSE AND SLANDEROUS ALLEGATIONS CONCERNING BULGARIAN MOSLEMS AND THEIR HOMELAND," ACCORDING TO BTA, MONITORED HERE.

"THE ATTEMPTS TO SLANDER BULGARIA ABOUT SOME FICTITIOUS DEVELOPMENTS ARE NOTHING BUT A GROSS INTERVENTION IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF A SOVEREIGN STATE," BTA QUOTED POGLED AS SAYING.

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.TURKEY-BULGARIA;0206

TURKS ASK U.N. SUPPORT ON TREATMENT OF TURKISH MINORITY IN
BULGARIA

UNITED NATIONS (AP) - TURKEY'S U.N. AMBASSADOR ASKED MONDAY THE
SUPPORT OF THE ISLAMIC GROUP AT THE UNITED NATIONS TO STOP
COMMUNIST BULGARIA FROM ERADICATING "BY MEANS OF COERCION, THE
ETHNIC, RELIGIOUS, AND CULTURAL IDENTITY OF THE TURKISH MINORITY."

AMBASSADOR ILTER TURKMEN SAID BULGARIAN AUTHORITIES HAVE
CONFERRED THAT THEY HAVE CARRIED OUT A DELIBERATE PROGRAM "TO WIPE
OUT THE TURKISH-ISLAMIC IDENTITIES OF 1 MILLION PEOPLE AND TO
REPLACE THEM BY CHRISTIAN-BULGARIAN IDENTITIES."

BULGARIAN AUTHORITIES HAVE SAID A CAMPAIGN TO GET MEMBERS OF THE
TURKISH MINORITY TO CHANGE THEIR NAMES REPRESENTS RE-ADOPTION OF
BULGARIAN IDENTITIES BY PERSONS WHOSE ANCESTORS HAD CONVERTED TO
ISLAM AND IS VOLUNTARY.

"ON THE CONTRARY," TURKMEN SAID, "IT WAS A CAMPAIGN CARRIED
OUT AT GUNPOINT, THROUGH THE USE OF PHYSICAL AND MILITARY FORCE."

IN A SPEECH TO U.N. ENVOYS OF THE 39-MEMBER ISLAMIC CONFERENCE,
HE SAID SEVERAL HUNDRED MEMBERS OF THE TURKISH MINORITY HAVE BEEN
KILLED AND HUNDREDS MORE INJURED RESISTING THE "BULGARIZATION"
CAMPAIGN.

"THE TRUE DIMENSIONS OF THE SUFFERING THIS HAS CREATED WE CAN
ONLY IMAGINE SINCE ALL TURKISH-POPULATED AREAS OF BULGARIA HAVE
BEEN SEALED OFF TO DIPLOMATS AND THE PRESS," TURKMEN SAID.

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TURKMEN ALSO CIRCULATED A REPORT BY TURKEY'S CHIEF OF RELIGIOUS AFFAIRS CLAIMING THAT BULGARIA HAS CLOSED DOWN ALL RELIGIOUS SCHOOLS, ALL SCHOOLS TRAINING RELIGIOUS PERSONNEL AND MOST MOSQUES SERVING THE TURKISH-ISLAMIC MINORITY.

THE REPORT SAYS THAT MOSLEMS IN BULGARIA ARE FORBIDDEN FROM PERFORMING ISLAMIC RITUALS SUCH AS CIRCUMCISION, FUNERAL RITES AND THE PILGRIMAGE TO MECCA.

TURKMEN SAID BULGARIA HAS REFUSED TO RESPOND TO A TURKISH OFFER TO RECEIVE ANY BULGARIAN MOSLEM WHO WISHED TO EMIGRATE AND HAS REFUSED ANY NEGOTIATIONS ON THE ISSUE.

TURKMEN INDICATED TURKEY PLANS TO FOLLOW UP ON THIS ISSUE IN UNITED NATIONS AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL BODIES CONCERNED WITH HUMANITARIAN MATTERS AND ASKED FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE MEMBERS OF THE ISLAMIC CONFERENCE.

REFERENCE BOOKS VARIOUSLY ESTIMATE THE SIZE OF THE TURKISH MINORITY IN BULGARIA FROM HALF A MILLION TO A MILLION BASED ON THE USE OF TURKISH AS A PRIMARY LANGUAGE. ALMOST ALL ARE MOSLEMS.

THE MINORITY IS LEFT OVER FROM NEARLY 500 YEARS OF TURKISH RULE OVER BULGARIA WHICH, WITH RUSSIAN HELP, WON ITS INDEPENDENCE FROM THE OTTOMAN EMPIRE IN 1878.

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ISTANBUL - BULGARIAN-2

VICE CONSUL PAVEL PAVLOV TOLD THE ASSOCIATED PRESS THAT A CONSUL GENERAL "SHOULD NOT BE TREATED THIS WAY." HE SAID ULYANOV IS A "VERY SICK MAN."

FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIALS IN ANKARA AND POLICE IN ISTANBUL REFUSED TO GIVE FURTHER INFORMATION ON THE CASE.

A FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL, WHO ASKED NOT TO BE IDENTIFIED, SAID THE MATTER WAS BEING NEGOTIATED BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES.

RELATIONS BETWEEN NEIGHBORING BULGARIA AND TURKEY HAVE COME UNDER SEVERE STRAIN IN RECENT MONTHS OVER REPORTS THAT BULGARIA HAS WAGED A VIOLENT ASSIMILATION CAMPAIGN, FORCING ABOUT ONE MILLION ETHNIC TURKS IN THE COUNTRY TO ADOPT SLAVIC NAMES.

BULGARIA CLAIMS THE NAME CHANGES ARE VOLUNTARY AND HAS REFUSED TO NEGOTIATE WITH TURKEY TO SEEK A SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM.

THE BTA REPORT SAID THAT ULYANOV "CATEGORICALLY DECLARED THAT HE HAD CHANGED HIS NAME OF HIS OWN WILL BECAUSE HE FEELS HIMSELF A BULGARIAN."

YUSUFOV WAS EARLIER QUOTED IN THE TURKISH PRESS AS SAYING THAT HE ESCAPED TO AUSTRIA WITH A FALSE PASSPORT BECAUSE OF THE FORCED ASSIMILATION CAMPAIGN. HE WAS REPORTED AS SAYING THAT HIS 18-YEAR-OLD SON DISSAPEARED FOR REFUSING TO CHANGE HIS TURKISH NAME.

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BULGARIAN-1 (UX)

TURKISH POLICE KEEP BULGARIAN CONSULATE UNDER SURVEILLANCE
ISTANBUL, TURKEY (AP) - ABOUT A DOZEN TURKISH PLAINCLOTHESMEN
ARE KEEPING BULGARIA'S CONSULATE HERE UNDER SURVEILLANCE TO PREVENT
THE ESCAPE OF A BULGARIAN OF TURKISH ORIGIN WHO HAS TAKEN REFUGE
THERE, POLICE REPORTED TUESDAY.

ONE OF THE PLAINCLOTHESMEN, WHO ASKED NOT TO BE NAMED, TOLD THE
ASSOCIATED PRESS THAT THEY WERE KEEPING THE CONSULATE UNDER
SURVEILLANCE IN CASE THE MAN ATTEMPTS TO LEAVE.

THE MAN WAS IDENTIFIED AS ALEXANDER MARINOV ULYANOV BY
BULGARIA'S STATE-RUN BTA NEWS AGENCY IN A REPORT LAST THURSDAY.

THE REPORT CLAIMED THAT ULYANOV HAD BEEN ABDUCTED WHILE ON A
TRIP TO AUSTRIA AND BROUGHT TO TURKEY WHERE HE WAS TORTURED.

THE REPORT INDICATED THAT ULYANOV WAS THE BULGARIAN NAME OF A
MAN WHO IDENTIFIED HIMSELF AS ALI MEHMET YUSUFOV AT A NEWS
CONFERENCE AT THE CONSULATE LAST WEDNESDAY.

YUSUFOV TOLD REPORTERS THAT AFTER BEING KIDNAPPED BY TURKISH
POLICE HE WAS TORTURED UNTIL HE ESCAPED FROM A REFUGEE CAMP AND
SOUGHT ASYLUM AT THE CONSULATE.

ON MONDAY THE POLICEMEN ATTEMPTED TO SEARCH THE CAR OF THE
BULGARIAN CONSUL GENERAL ON SUSPICION THAT HE MAY BE ATTEMPTING TO
SMUGGLE THE MAN OUT IN THE TRUNK OF THE CAR, TURKISH NEWSPAPERS
REPORTED TUESDAY. THE REPORTS SAID CONSUL-GENERAL GEORGI LUBYANOV
CLAIMED DIPLOMATIC IMMUNITY AND REFUSED THE SEARCH BUT AGREED TO
DRIVE BACK TO THE CONSULATE.

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BULGARIAN-1

TURKISH POLICE KEEP BULGARIAN CONSULATE UNDER SURVEILLANCE
ISTANBUL, TURKEY (AP) - ABOUT A DOZEN TURKISH PLAINCLOTHES
POLICE ARE WATCHING THE BULGARIAN CONSULATE TO PREVENT THE ESCAPE
OF A SUSPECTED BULGARIAN SPY OF TURKISH ORIGIN WHO HAS TAKEN REFUGE
THERE, ISTANBUL GOV. NEVZAT AYAZ SAID FRIDAY.

AYAZ TOLD THE ASSOCIATED PRESS THAT AUTHORITIES BELIEVE THE MAN
IS A SPY FOR BULGARIA AND THAT SURVEILLANCE OF THE CONSULATE "WILL
NOT BE LIFTED UNTIL THE MAN IS HANDED OVER TO THE TURKISH
AUTHORITIES."

RECENT REPORTS IN THE TURKISH MEDIA HAVE ALSO IDENTIFIED THE MAN
AS A BULGARIAN SPY. AYAZ SAID THAT TURKISH AUTHORITIES INTEND TO
PROSECUTE HIM AND THAT "IF HE PROVES TO BE INNOCENT WE WILL SET
HIM FREE AND SEND HIM TO BULGARIA."

BULGARIA'S STATE-RUN NEWS AGENCY BTA IDENTIFIED THE MAN AS
ALEXANDER MARIUNOV ULYANOV IN A REPORT ON APRIL 4.

THAT REPORT CLAIMED THAT ULYANOV HAD BEEN ABDUCTED WHILE ON A
TRIP TO AUSTRIA AND BROUGHT TO TURKEY WHERE HE WAS TORTURED.

BTA SAID THAT ULYANOV WAS THE BULGARIAN NAME OF A MAN WHO
IDENTIFIED HIMSELF AS ALI MEHMET YUSUFOV AT A NEWS CONFERENCE AT
THE CONSULATE LAST WEEK.

YUSUFOV TOLD REPORTERS THAT AFTER BEING KIDNAPPED BY TURKISH
POLICE HE WAS TORTURED UNTIL HE ESCAPED FROM A REFUGEE CAMP AND
SOUGHT ASYLUM AT THE CONSULATE.

CARS LEAVING AND ENTERING THE CONSULATE ARE BEING WATCHED AND
SOMETIMES SEARCHED. ON MONDAY POLICE TRIED TO SEARCH THE CAR OF THE
BULGARIAN CONSUL-GENERAL, SUSPICIOUS THAT HE MAY BE TRYING TO
SMUGGLE THE MAN OUT IN THE TRUNK OF THE CAR, TURKISH NEWSPAPERS
REPORTED TUESDAY.

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THE REPORTS SAID CONSUL-GENERAL GEORGI LUBYANOV CLAIMED DIPLOMATIC IMMUNITY AND REFUSED THE SEARCH BUT AGREED TO DRIVE BACK TO THE CONSULATE.

RELATIONS BETWEEN BULGARIA AND TURKEY HAVE COME UNDER SEVERE STRAIN IN RECENT MONTHS OVER REPORTS THAT BULGARIA HAS WAGED A VIOLENT ASSIMILATION CAMPAIGN, FORCING ABOUT 1 MILLION ETHNIC TURKS IN THE COUNTRY TO ADOPT SLAVIC NAMES.

BULGARIA CLAIMS THE NAME CHANGES ARE VOLUNTARY AND HAS REFUSED TO NEGOTIATE WITH TURKEY TO SEEK A SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM.

THE BTA REPORT SAID THAT ULYANOV "CATEGORICALLY DECLARED THAT HE HAD CHANGED HIS NAME OF HIS OWN WILL BECAUSE HE FEELS HIMSELF A BULGARIAN."

THE MAN HAD BEEN QUOTED EARLIER IN THE TURKISH NEWS MEDIA AS SAYING THAT HE ESCAPED TO AUSTRIA WITH A FALSE PASSPORT BECAUSE OF THE FORCED ASSIMILATION CAMPAIGN. HE WAS REPORTED AS SAYING THAT HIS 18-YEAR-OLD SON DISAPPEARED FOR REFUSING TO CHANGE HIS TTURKISH NAME.

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TURKEY-BULGARIA

TURKEY DELIVERS THIRD NOTE TO BULGARIA OVER ETHNIC TURKS

ANKARA, TURKEY (AP) - TURKEY HAS DELIVERED ITS THIRD DIPLOMATIC NOTE TO BULGARIA FOR A THIRD TIME ON WEDNESDAY CONCERNING ALLEGED OPPRESSION OF ETHNIC TURKS IN THAT COUNTRY, FOREIGN MINISTRY SPOKESMAN YALIM ERAL SAID FRIDAY.

ERALP SAID THAT IN THE MESSAGE TURKEY REPEATED ITS CALL TO THE BULGARIAN GOVERNMENT TO NEGOTIATE A SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM, INCLUDING A POSSIBLE AGREEMENT FOR IMMIGRATION OF ETHNIC TURKS TO TURKEY.

TURKEY SENT ITS FIRST NOTE TO BULGARIA ON THE SAME MATTER ON FEB. 22 AND FIVE DAYS LATER RECEIVED A RESPONSE THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT FOUND UNSATISFACTORY. ANOTHER MESSAGE WAS SENT TO BULGARIA ON MARCH 4.

BULGARIA HAS BEEN DENYING THE CHARGES OF A FORCED ASSIMILATION CAMPAIGN OF ETHNIC TURKS, SAYING TURKS HAVE BEEN CHANGING THEIR NAMES VOLUNTARILY. BULGARIA HAS SO FAR REFUSED TO NEGOTIATE WITH TURKEY.

TURKISH AND FOREIGN PRESS REPORTS HAVE CLAIMED THAT BULGARIAN FORCES HAVE KILLED MEMBERS OF THE TURKISH MINORITY FOR RESISTING NAME CHANGES SINCE THE BEGINNING OF THIS YEAR. THEY ESTIMATE THE DEATH TOLL AS BEING SOMEWHERE BETWEEN 40 TO 800.

ETHNIC TURKS CONSTITUTE BULGARIA'S LARGEST MINORITY WITH AN ESTIMATED POPULATION OF 1 MILLION, 10 PERCENT OF THE COUNTRY'S TOTAL.

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BULGARIAN-1

(VIENNA, LONDON NOTE)

TURKISH POLICE CONTINUE TO KEEP BULGARIAN CONSULATE UNDER SURVEILLANCE

ISTANBUL, TURKEY(AP) - ABOUT A DOZEN TURKISH PLAINCLOTHESMEN CONTINUED TO KEEP BULGARIA'S CONSULATE HERE UNDER SURVEILLANCE TO PREVENT THE ESCAPE OF A BULGARIAN OF TURKISH ORIGIN WHO HAS TAKEN REFUGE THERE, THE ISTANBUL GOVERNOR MEHZAT AYAZ SAID FRIDAY.

AYAZ TOLD THE ASSOCIATED PRESS THAT THE "SURVEILLANCE WILL NOT BE LIFTED UNTIL THE MAN IS HANDED OVER TO THE TURKISH AUTHORITIES."

THE GOVERNOR SAID THAT THEY BELIEVED THE MAN IS A BULGARIAN SPY AS REPORTED IN THE TURKISH PRESS AND TURKISH AUTHORITIES INTEND TO PROSECUTE HIM. "IF HE PROVES TO BE INNOCENT HE WILL SET HIM FREE AND SEND HIM TO BULGARIA."

THE MAN WAS IDENTIFIED AS ALEXANDER MARINOV ULYANOV BY BULGARIA'S STATE-RUN BTA NEWS AGENCY IN A REPORT ON APRIL 4.

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MUSLIMS

FROM BULGARIA SEEK POLITICAL ASYLUM IN GREECE

XANTHI, GREECE (AP) - THREE MUSLIM FAMILIES STIPPED ACROSS THE HEAVILY GUARDED BORDER BETWEEN BULGARIA AND GREECE OVER THE WEEKEND AND ASKED FOR POLITICAL ASYLUM HERE, POLICE IN THIS NORTHERN GREEK TOWN SAID MONDAY.

A POLICE SPOKESMAN SAID THE 12 (.7')8.', AGED BETWEEN 18 AND 45, TOLD AUTHORITIES THEY DECIDED TO LEAVE BECAUSE OF THREATS AGAINST THEIR LIVES AND PROPERTY BY BULGARIAN AUTHORITIES.

THE SPOKESMAN, WHO DECLINED TO BE IDENTIFIED, SAID THE POLITICAL REFUGEES WERE VILLAGERS WHO FARMED LAND CLOSE TO THE MOUNTAINOUS BORDER WITH GREECE.

ACCORDING TO TURKISH AND FOREIGN PRESS REPORTS, UP TO 800 MEMBERS OF A 900,000-STRONG MUSLIM-TURKISH MINORITY LIVING IN SOUTHERN AND EASTERN BULGARIA HAVE BEEN KILLED DURING A CAMPAIGN OF FORCED ASSIMILATION.

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XANTHI-MUSLIMS-2

THE MUSLIMS GAVE THEMSELVES UP ON THE GREEK SIDE OF THE BORDER AND WERE TRANSFERRED FROM THE VILLAGE OF ECHINOS TO XANTHI POLICE HEADQUARTERS TUESDAY PENDING A GOVERNMENT DECISION ON THEIR ASYLUM REQUEST, POLICE SAID.

'THEY CLAIMED THEY WERE UNDER SEVERE PRESSURE FROM LOCAL AUTHORITIES TO CHANGE THEIR NAMES TO ONES WITH A NON-MUSLIM DERIVATION. THEY SAID THEIR LIVES AND PROPERTY WERE THREATENED, AND THEY WANTED TO SETTLE IN GREECE,' THE SOURCES SAID.

MORE THAN 10,000 POMAKS LIVE ON THE GREEK SIDE OF THE BORDER. GREEK OFFICIALS SAY THEY CONVERTED TO ISLAM AFTER THE OTTOMAN TURKISH OCCUPATION OF GREECE BEGAN IN THE 1400'S.

ACCORDING TO REPORTS FROM BULGARIA, UP TO 800 MEMBERS OF THE ETHNIC TURKISH MINORITY THERE HAVE DIED DURING THE FORCED ASSIMILATION CAMPAIGN.

ETHNIC TURKS IN BULGARIA ARE THOUGHT TO NUMBER 900,000 OR ALMOST 10 PERCENT OF THE POPULATION.

TURKEY, WHICH RULED BULGARIA FOR 500 YEARS, HAS ASKED BULGARIA FOR TALKS ON THE ISSUE WITH A VIEW TO FINDING A SOLUTION THAT COULD INCLUDE MASS IMMIGRATION TO TURKEY.

EARLIER THIS MONTH THE U.S. STATE DEPARTMENT SAID THAT IN SOME CASES BULGARIAN TROOPS BACKED BY TANKS HAVE SURROUNDED ENTIRE VILLAGES AND TRANSPORTED RESIDENTS TO CENTRAL ADMINISTRATIVE CENTERS FOR RENAMING.

THERE ARE ALSO REPORTS THAT SOME RESISTERS WERE SHOT, ACCORDING TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT.

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MUSLIMS-1

POLITICAL REFUGEES FROM BULGARIA SEEK ASYLUM IN GREECE

XANTHI, GREECE (AP) - A GROUP OF 12 MUSLIMS FROM BULGARIA HAVE SOUGHT POLITICAL ASYLUM IN GREECE SAYING THEY FLED ACROSS THE HEAVILY GUARDED BORDER AFTER RESISTING PRESSURE FROM BULGARIAN AUTHORITIES TO CHANGE THEIR NAMES, POLICE IN THIS NORTHERN TOWN SAID TUESDAY.

POLICE SOURCES, SPEAKING ON CONDITION THEY WERE NOT IDENTIFIED, SAID THE MUSLIMS, AGED BETWEEN 20 AND 45, WERE POMAKS, MEMBERS OF A FORMERLY NOMADIC MINORITY THAT HAS LIVED IN THE MOUNTAINS OF THRACE FOR CENTURIES.

IT WAS THE FIRST INDICATION THAT BULGARIAN AUTHORITIES ARE EXTENDING A CAMPAIGN OF FORCED ASSIMILATION TO THE POMAKS WHO LIVE IN THE RHODOPE MOUNTAINS SEPARATING NATO-MEMBER GREECE FROM ITS WARSAW PACT NEIGHBOR.

THE THREE FAMILIES + EIGHT MEN AND FOUR WOMEN + ESCAPED ACROSS THE BORDER ON SATURDAY, DODGING SHARPSHOOTERS AND SENTRY-DOGS GUARDING THE FRONTIER.

THEY WERE NOT IDENTIFIED, BUT THE POLICE SOURCES SAID THEY CAME FROM A VILLAGE CLOSE TO THE BORDER WHERE THE THREE HUSBANDS WORKED ON AN IRRIGATION PROJECT WHICH TOOK THEM CLOSE TO THE FORESTED FRONTIER ZONE.

"THEY SAID THE THREE MEN HAD DUG A HOLE UNDER THE BORDER FENCE DURING THE PAST MONTH AND CONCEALED IT WITH BRANCHES IN READINESS FOR THE ESCAPE," THE POLICE SOURCES SAID.

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ATHENS - MUSLIMS -2

BILALOGLOU, A QUARRY WORKER, SAID BULGARIAN AUTHORITIES HAVE FORBIDDEN MUSLIMS FROM OPENLY PRACTICING THEIR RELIGION INCLUDING CIRCUMCISION. HE SAID MOSQUES HAVE BEEN DEMOLISHED IN 15 VILLAGES IN SOUTHERN BULGARIA NEAR THE TURKISH FRONTIER.

THE CAMP OFFICIAL SAID THE MUSLIM GROUP ALSO INCLUDED THE FAMILY OF SAIT MESTANOGLU, 30 (NOW NAMED SVILEN KALAYCIEV), HIS WIFE FATME, 30 (FIDANKA), DAUGHTER NURSET, 11 (NATALIA), AND SON ISMAIL, 9 (IVO) FROM THE VILLAGE OF DEDELER. THE FAMILY OF HIS ELDER BROTHER HUSSEIN, '9 (NOW ASEN MLADENOV), WIFE BAHRIYE, 38 (BORISLAVA), DAUGHTER ZULFIYE, 19 (ZORNITSA), AND SON NUMUN, 12 (MICHAIL) FROM EMIRLER VILLAGE, ALSO JOINED THEM IN THE ESCAPE.

AFTER CROSSING THE BORDER, THE FAMILIES TOLD GREEK POLICE THEY DECIDED TO LEAVE BECAUSE OF THREATS AGAINST THEIR LIVES AND PROPERTY BY BULGARIAN AUTHORITIES.

ACCORDING TO TURKISH AND FOREIGN PRESS REPORTS, UP TO 800 MEMBERS OF A 900,000-STRONG MUSLIM-TURKISH MINORITY LIVING IN SOUTHERN AND EASTERN BULGARIA HAVE BEEN KILLED DURING A CAMPAIGN OF FORCED ASSIMILATION.

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MOSLEMS-BULGARIA 1

CONDEMN BULGARIA FOR KILLINGS AND FORCED ASSIMILATION

ATHENS, GREECE (AP) - MEMBERS OF THREE MOSLEM FAMILIES WHO ESCAPED FROM BULGARIA ACROSS THE HEAVILY GUARDED BULGARIA-GREEK BORDER EARLIER THIS MONTH ACCUSED BULGARIAN AUTHORITIES TUESDAY OF KILLING MEMBERS OF THE MOSLEM-TURKISH MINORITY WHO OPPOSE FORCED ASSIMILATION.

THE THREE FAMILIES WERE TRANSFERRED LAST WEEK TO THE LAURION U.N. REFUGEE CAMP, 54 KILOMETERS (34 MILES), '97503-'5 90 -503,' -0534 5036 2343 04-,530 09)858:-) -'6)7.. THEY WILL ASK TO BE SENT TO TURKEY, AN OFFICIAL SOURCE AT THE CAMP, WHO SPOKE ON CONDITION OF ANONIMITY, TOLD THE ASSOCIATED PRESS.

ETHNIC TURKS HAVE CHARGED THAT THEY ARE BEING FORCED TO TAKE ON BULGARIAN NAMES. THE REPORTED CAMPAIGN OF FORCED ASSIMILATION HAS STRAINED RELATIONS BETWEEN BULGARIA AND TURKEY.

THE OFFICIAL SAID THE DEFECTING MOSLEMS INCLUDE A FAMILY FROM KOTZABERE, IDENTIFIED AS YUSUF BILALOGU, 30 (NOW IOSIV ANGELOV), WIFE EMINE, 29 (EMILIA), DAUGHTER NAILE, 7 (NADIA), AND SIX-YEAR-OLD SON NIHAT (NETKO).

YUSUF BILALOGU TOLD AN ASSOCIATED PRESS GSPBRTER THAT HE SAW "'AT LEAST 11 PERSONS KILLED AND MORE THAN 30 INJURED"' IN A SINGLE DEMONSTRATION AGAINST FORCED ASSIMILATION LAST DECEMBER IN THE SOUTHERN BULGARIAN REGION OF KIRYCALI. "'POLICE OPENED FIRE ON THE DEMONSTRATORS AND LOBBED TEAR GAS GRENADES.'"

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.TURKEY-UNESCO,0199

TURKEY SEEKING TO MOVE UNESCO CONFERENCE FROM BULGARIA

JIDDA, SAUDI ARABIA (AP) - TURKEY IS SEEKING THE SUPPORT OF ISLAMIC COUNTRIES TO HAVE THE VENUE OF THE FORTHCOMING UNESCO GENERAL CONFERENCE CHANGED FROM SOFIA, BULGARIA, WHERE MOSLEMS ARE REPORTEDLY BEING PERSECUTED, THE ENGLISH-LANGUAGE NEWSPAPER SAUDI GAZETTE REPORTED THURSDAY.

QUOTING WHAT IT DESCRIBED AS INFORMED SOURCES, THE PAPER SAID THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT HAS ASKED ITS MISSIONS IN THE ISLAMIC COUNTRIES TO EXPLAIN ANKARA'S POSITION ON RELATIONS WITH BULGARIA, THE CONDITIONS OF MOSLEMS THERE AND TO SEEK SUPPORT IN CHANGING THE UNESCO CONFERENCE VENUE.

TURKEY HAS ALSO ASKED THE 45-NATION CONFERENCE OF ISLAMIC ORGANIZATION (OIC), WHICH IS HEADQUARTERED HERE, TO ASK ITS MEMBER STATES WHO ARE ON THE EXECUTIVE BOARD OF UNESCO TO BACK THE TURKISH PROPOSAL, THE PAPER SAID.

TURKEY WILL RAISE THE ISSUE AT THE BOARD'S MEETING OPENING IN PARIS ON MAY 9, THE PAPER SAID. THE GENERAL CONFERENCE IS SCHEDULED FROM OCT. 8 TO NOV. 12 IN SOFIA.

TEN OF THE 45 MEMBERS OF THE UNESCO EXECUTIVE BOARD ARE ARAB OR ISLAMIC STATES. THERE ARE AN ESTIMATED 1.5 MILLION MOSLEMS IN BULGARIA, 17 PERCENT OF THE COUNTRY'S TOTAL POPULATION, ACCORDING TO THE GAZETTE REPORT.

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AMBASSADOR ALLEGES PERSECUTION OF MOSLEM MINORITY

KUWAIT (AP) - THE TURKISH AMBASSADOR TO KUWAIT ACCUSED BULGARIAN AUTHORITIES TUESDAY OF CARRYING OUT 'A SYSTEMATIC PERSECUTION OF THE TURKISH MOSLEM MINORITY IN BULGARIA,' AND CALLED ON THE ISLAMIC WORLD TO APPLY PRESSURE ON SOFIA TO BRING AN IMMEDIATE END TO THE ALLEGED POLICY.

AMBASSADOR KAYA TOPERI AMBASSADOR CHARGED THAT BULGARIAN DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER IVAN JANEV SOUGHT 'TO GIVE THE WRONG IMPRESSION ... THAT WHAT THEY HAVE BEEN DOING TO MOSLEMS IN BULGARIA IS THEIR OWN BUP

USS.' JANEV, DURING A VISIT TO KUWAIT, CRITICIZED A STATMENT BY THE KUWAITI PARLIAMENT LAST MONTH ABOUT A BULGARIAN CRACKDOWN ON AN ESTIMATED 1.5 MILLION MOSLEM TURKS LIVING IN BULGARIA.

'SINCE DECEMBER 1984, MOSLEM TURKS IN BULGARIA HAVE BEEN FACING A WIDESPREAD CAMPAIGN TO CHANGE THEIR MOSLEM NAMES TO BULGARIAN NAMES. VILLAGES HAVE BEEN SURROUNDED BY TROOPS AND EVEN TANKS HAVE BEEN USED TO MAKE THE MEMBERS OF THE TURKISH MOSLEM MINORITY ACCEPT BY FORCE THE CHANGING OF THEIR NAMES,' TOPERI SAID.

HE ACCUSED THE BULGARIAN GOVERNMENT OF ALSO SHUTTING DOWN MOSQUES, EVEN DEMOLISHING THEM, AND TAKING MEASURES TO 'ENSURE THE WITHERING AWAY OF ISLAM' BY CLOSING DOWN RELIGIOUS SCHOOLS AND ISLAMIC INSTITUTIONS AND PREVENTING THE PRINTING AND DISTRIBUTION OF THE KORAN, ISLAM'S HOLY BOOK.

TOPERI SAID HIS GOVERNMENT HAS PROPOSED 'POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS' TO BULGARIA, INCLUDING THE SIGNING OF AN IMMIGRATION AGREEMENT. 'BUT WE RECEIVED NEGATIVE ANSWERS WITH ACCUSATIONS THAT WE ARE WIELDING POLITICAL INTERFERENCE IN THEIR INTERNAL AFFAIRS,' HE SAID.

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BULGARIAN TURKS-1

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BULGARIAN WRESTLER OF TURKISH ORIGIN CLAIMS MANY DEAD IN NAME
CHANGE CAMPAIGN

ANKARA, TURKEY (AP) - A BULGARIAN WRESTLER OF TURKISH ORIGIN
CLAIMED IN AN INTERVIEW AIRED BY TURKEY'S STATE TELEVISION
WEDNESDAY THAT MANY PEOPLE WERE KILLED DURING A FORCED NAME CHANGE
CAMPAIGN IN BULGARIA.

THE WRESTLER, IDENTIFIED BY TV AS BUNYAMIN MACHEV, SAID THE NAMES
OF ALL ETHNIC TURKS IN BULGARIA, NUMBERING AROUND 1.5 MILLION, WERE
CHANGED INTO SLAVIC ONES.

HE SAID HIS FIRST NAME WAS CHANGED TO BIMIN, HIS FATHER'S FROM
NIYAZI TO VARADIN. MACHEV TOLD THE TV INTERVIEWER, SPORTS REPORTER
ENDER ASMAN, THAT MANY TURKS WHO RESISTED THE NAME CHANGES WERE
KILLED IN THE HASKOVO REGION, 70 KILOMETERS (44 MILES) NORTH OF
THE GREEK AND TURKISH BORDERS.

HE DID NOT GIVE ANY SPECIFIC DEATH TOLL.

THE INTERVIEW WAS CONDUCTED IN EARLY MARCH IN BUDAPEST, HUNGARY
WHEN REPORTER ASMAN FOUND MACHEV AS A MEMBERS OF THE BULGARIAN
TEAM IN AN INTERNATIONAL WRESTLING CHAMPIONSHIP, TELEVISION NEWS
DIRECTOR REYMAN SOMER TOLD THE ASSOCIATED PRESS.

HE DID NOT WANT TO COMMENT ON WHY THE TAPED INTERVIEW WAS NOT
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STATE TELEVISION DELAYED BROADCASTING THE INTERVIEW IN THE HOPES OF
OBTAINING PERMISSION FROM BULGARIA TO SEND A TEAM INTO THE COUNTRY.
THIS REQUEST WAS DENIED BY SOFIA.

DIPLOMATIC SOURCES HERE NOTED THAT THE TIMING OF THE INTERVIEW
COINCIDED WITH THE HUMAN RIGHTS CONFERENCE THAT OPENED IN OTTOWA
TUESDAY.

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ANKARA-BULGARIAN TURKS-2

TURKEY IS EXPECTED TO RAISE THE BULGARIAN NAME CHANGE CAMPAIGN AND ALLEGED OPPRESSION OF ETHNIC TURKS IN THE OTTOWA CONFERENCE WHICH CONTINUES A HELSINKI, FINLAND CONFERENCE OF A DECADE AGO.

MANCHEV, SPEAKING IN ACCENTED TURKISH, CLAIMED THAT EVEN THE NAMES OF DEAD TURKS LONG BURIED WERE CHANGED TO GET RID OF TURKISH FAMILY NAMES. HE SAID HIS FAMILY NAME WAS HUSEINOV BEFORE THE NAME CHANGES.

HE TOLD THE INTERVIEWER BULGARIAN SOLDIERS ENTERED TURKISH VILLAGES WITH TANKS AND MANY STILL REMAIN IN TURKISH AREAS.

MANCHEV SAID HE WANTS TO EMIGRATE TO TURKEY WITH HIS FAMILY.

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THE SOFIA GOVERNMENT MAINTAINS THAT THE NAME CHANGES WERE VOLUNTARY AND NO VIOLENCE WAS USED.

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BULGARIAN TURKS-1

BULGARIAN WRESTLER CLAIMS MANY DEAD IN NAME CHANGE CAMPAIGN
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THE COUNTRY TO INTERVIEW ETHNIC TURKS. THE REQUEST, HOWEVER, WAS
DENIED BY SOFIA, THEY SAID.

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ANKARA - BULGARIAN TURKS-2

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BELGRADE - BULGARIA-TERRORISM 2

TANJUG SAID SECURITY IN GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS IN SOFIA HAS BEEN TIGHTENED AND PEOPLE UNREGISTERED AS GUESTS WERE BEING BARRED FROM SOFIA HOTELS.

SPECIAL MILITARY UNITS WITH RED BERETS ARE FREQUENTLY PATROLLING THE STREETS OF THE BULGARIAN CAPITAL AND OTHER TOWNS, SAID THE YUGOSLAV REPORT.

IN HIS NEWS CONFERENCE, LYUTOV ATTRIBUTED A SERIES OF FIRES, FALSE ALARMS AND OTHER INCIDENTS TO ACTIVITIES OF "HOSTILE ELEMENTS," TANJUG SAID.

LYUTOV REPORTEDLY ALSO ASCRIBED THE TERRORIST ACTS TO THE INFLUENCE OF THE "IDEOLOGICAL STRUGGLE OF INTERNATIONAL SCOPE," ADDING THESE ACTIVITIES "BY HOSTILE ELEMENTS AND CRIMINALS WERE MOST OFTEN DIRECTED BY VARIOUS INTERNATIONAL CIRCLES."

THERE HAVE BEEN REPORTS AND RUMORS OF BOMBINGS AND MYSTERIOUS FIRES IN BULGARIA SINCE THE AUG.30, 1984 BOMB EXPLOSION AT PLOVDIV TRAIN STATION.

FOREIGN DIPLOMATS IN SOFIA LATE LAST YEAR SAID THERE WERE RECURRING RUMORS OF BOMBINGS IN VARNNA, RUSE, BURGAS AND TARGOVISTE, MANY OF THEM ON SEPT.9, THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE COMMUNIST REVOLUTION.

WHILE LYUTOV REPORTEDLY SPOKE OF ONE DEAD WOMAN, BULGARIAN EXILE SOURCES REQUESTING ANONYMITY EARLIER SAID FIVE PEOPLE WERE KILLED IN THE AUG. 30 EXPLOSION AT PLOVDIV.

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BULGARIA-TERRORISM

BULGARIAN OFFICIAL CONFIRMS DEATHS

BELGRADE, YUGOSLAVIA (AP) - BULGARIAN ATTORNEY GENERAL KOSTADIN LYUTOV DISCLOSED THAT EIGHT PEOPLE WERE KILLED AND NINE INJURED IN TERRORIST ATTACKS IN BULGARIA DURING THE LAST NINE MONTHS; THE YUGOSLAV NEWS AGENCY TANJUG REPORTED FROM SOFIA WEDNESDAY.

LYUTOV TOLD REPORTERS LAST WEEK THAT AN EXPLOSION IN A RAILROAD CAR AT GUNOVO STATION, ON THE BURGAS-SOFIA LINE ON MARCH 9, KILLED SEVEN PEOPLE AND INJURED NINE AND WAS CAUSED BY EXPLOSIVES PLANTED BY TERRORISTS, TANJUG SAID.

HE ALSO SAID THAT A WOMAN WAS KILLED IN AN EXPLOSION LATE LAST AUGUST AT PLOVDIV RAILROAD STATION. LYUTOV NOTED AN EXPLOSION AT VARNA AIRPORT AND SAID NO ONE WAS INJURED, ACCORDING TO TANJUG.

LYTOV SPOKE WITH LOCAL JOURNALISTS AT A NEWS CONFERENCE DEALING WITH AMENDMENTS TO BULGARIA'S PENAL CODE. THE AMENDMENTS, WHICH DEALT IN PART WITH TERRORISM, WERE ENACTED LAST FRIDAY. THE YUGOSLAV DISPATCH DID NOT EXPLAIN THE REASON FOR THE DELAY IN ITS REPORT.

FATAL TERRORIST ATTACKS WERE EARLIER ACKNOWLEDGED IN A STATEMENT RECEIVED IN VIENNA FROM SOFIA PRESS, A BULGARIAN GOVERNMENT-RUN AGENCY, ON MAY 16.

BUT BULGARIA'S FOREIGN NEWS SERVICES HAD NOT GIVEN ANY FIGURES. TANJUG SAID THE DEATHS, AS MENTIONED BY LYUTOV, WERE NOT REPORTED BY BULGARIAN NEWSPAPERS.

LAST WEEK'S SOFIA PRESS STATEMENT SAID "UNTIL RECENTLY THE PROBLEM OF INTERNAL TERRORISM WAS NON-EXISTENT IN BULGARIA. DURING THE LAST NINE MONTHS, HOWEVER, THERE WERE SOME TERRORISTIC ACTS, AS A RESULT OF WHICH INNOCENT PEOPLE HAVE DIED, ACTS WHICH HAVE STIRRED ALARM AMONG THE POPULATION."

BULGARIA'S NATIONAL ASSEMBLY (PARLIAMENT) ON FRIDAY ENACTED AN AMENDMENT TO THE PENAL CODE THAT PUNISHES TERRORIST ACTS WITH PRISON TERMS OF UP TO 20 YEARS OR THE DEATH SENTENCE.

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HUMAN RIGHTS, 0284

NATIONS TRADE CHARGES OF REPRESSION, DEMAND RESPECT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS

AN AP FEATURE

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OTTAWA (AP) - TWICE A DAY, AN ORCHESTRAL FANFARE CALLS THE AMBASSADORS OF 35 NATIONS INTO A VAULTED ASSEMBLY HALL. ACROSS A BLUE RECTANGULAR TABLE, IN CLOSED SESSIONS, THEY TRADE CHARGES OF BRUTAL REPRESSION AND DEMAND RESPECT FOR FUNDAMENTAL HUMAN RIGHTS.

THIS, IN OFFICIAL PARLANCE, IS THE HUMAN RIGHTS EXPERTS MEETING OF THE CONFERENCE ON SECURITY AND COOPERATION IN EUROPE, A PROCESS LAUNCHED IN HELSINKI, FINLAND, A DECADE AGO.

THE UNITED STATES, CANADA, AND EVERY COUNTRY IN EAST AND WEST EUROPE EXCEPT ALBANIA ARE REPRESENTED AT THE ASSEMBLY, WHICH OPENED MAY 7 AND IS DUE TO CONCLUDE ON JUNE 19.

IT TAKES, ACCORDING TO THE CANADIAN AMBASSADOR, HARRY JAY, AN "'ACT OF FAITH'" TO CONNECT THE PROCEEDINGS HERE -- WHETHER HARSH PUBLIC POLEMICS OR QUIET CORRIDOR NEGOTIATIONS -- WITH THE ACTUAL PROSPECTS OF PEOPLE ANYWHERE SUFFERING DEPRIVATIONS OF THEIR RIGHTS.

THE FIRST STAGE OF THE ASSEMBLY HAS BEEN DEVOTED TO EXAMINATION OF CURRENT COMPLIANCE WITH THE HELSINKI HUMAN RIGHTS PLEDGES.

FORMALLY, THAT STAGE RUNS THROUGH TUESDAY, BUT THE SWISS AMBASSADOR, BLAISE SCHENK, SAID ATTENTION ALREADY HAS TURNED TO THE NEXT TASK, WRITING A REPORT OF CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO BE ADOPTED BY CONSENSUS -- THAT IS, WITH NONE OF THE 35 COUNTRIES OBJECTING.

"MOST OF WHAT THE NATIONS WANTED TO SAY HAS BEEN SAID," SCHENK SAID IN AN INTERVIEW.

SEVERAL DELEGATES SAID THE DELICATE PROCESS OF DEVELOPING CONSENSUS WOULD REALLY GET STARTED THIS WEEKEND DURING A TWO-DAY TRAIN EXCURSION TO NIAGARA FALLS.

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JAY CALLED THE TRIP "BOTH A WELCOME BREATHER AND AN OPPORTUNITY FOR A WHOLE LOT OF PRIVATE CONVERSATIONS."

THE FORMAL SESSIONS ARE CALLED TO ORDER EACH MORNING AND AFTERNOON BY A 10-MINUTE SELECTION FROM A SYMPHONY BY THE ITALIAN COMPOSER GIUSEPPE TORELLI, STARTING WITH A STIRRING TRUMPET FANFARE.

BEHIND THE CLOSED DOORS, THE FIRST PHASE OF THE MEETING HAS BEEN DOMINATED BY AMERICAN ALLEGATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES IN THE SOVIET UNION, WITH SOVIET COUNTERCHARGES ABOUT POVERTY AND RACISM IN THE UNITED STATES, THE FAILURE TO PASS AN EQUAL RIGHTS AMENDMENT FOR WOMEN AND THE U.S. ADMINISTRATION'S CRUSHING OF THE AIR TRAFFIC CONTROLLERS' UNION IN 1981.

ALTHOUGH ALL PROCEEDINGS ARE CLOSED TO THE PRESS AND PUBLIC, TEXTS OF MOST STATEMENTS ARE ISSUED AND WESTERN DIPLOMATS ATTENDING THE SESSIONS PROVIDE DETAILED DAILY BRIEFINGS TO REPORTERS.

THE PRESENTATIONS BY U.S. AMBASSADOR RICHARD SCHIFTER HAVE INCLUDED LISTS OF DOZENS OF IMPRISONED SOVIET DISSIDENTS AND ACTIVISTS, INCLUDING SUCH WELL-KNOWN FIGURES AS ANATOLY SHCHARANSKY AND ANDREI SAKHAROV.

"BUT WHAT GOOD, ONE WILL ASK, IS DERIVED FROM A RECITATION OF THESE CONCERNS AT A MEETING OF THIS KIND?" SCHIFTER ASKED IN ONE SPEECH. "DOES IT NOT AGGRAVATE INTERNATIONAL TENSION FOR US TO SPEAK OUT IN THE MANNER IN WHICH I HAVE DONE?"

REPLYING TO HIS OWN QUESTIONS, SCHIFTER SAID THE AMERICAN POSITION WAS THAT "PERFORMANCE IN THE FIELD OF HUMAN RIGHTS IS INEXTRICABLY LINKED TO ALL ASPECTS OF IMPROVED BILATERAL RELATIONS."

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VSEVOLOD SOFINSKY, HEAD OF THE SOVIET DELEGATION, SAID THE U.S. CRITICISM IS A THREAT TO PROGRESS AT THE MEETING.

"THERE HAS BEEN PRACTICALLY NOTHING CONSTRUCTIVE IN THE U.S. ATTITUDE," SOFINSKY SAID IN AN INTERVIEW WITH THE CANADIAN PRESS NEWS AGENCY. "ONLY SLANDER, LIES AND DISINFORMATION, BUT NOT INFORMATION."

THE CONFERENCE ALSO HAS RAISED SOME LESSER KNOWN HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUES, SUCH AS ALLEGATIONS THAT BULGARIA HAS STARTED IN RECENT MONTHS TO FORCE ITS TURKISH MINORITY TO ADOPT SLAVIC NAMES.

THE TURKISH AMBASSADOR TO THE MEETING, EKREM GUVENDIREN, TOLD A NEWS CONFERENCE THAT THE ESTIMATED 800,000 ETHNIC TURKS IN BULGARIA WERE BEING "BRUTALLY SUPPRESSED," AND SOME HAD BEEN KILLED BY SOLDIERS.

HE SAID HE HAD RAISED THE SAME CONCERNS IN THE CLOSED SESSION AND "THE RESPONSE FROM THE BULGARIANS HAS BEEN, REGRETFULLY, INSULTS."

JAY, CHIEF OF THE HOST CANADIAN DELEGATION, SAID THE STRONG FEELINGS ON ALL SIDES HAVE NOT THREATENED THE ORDERLY WORK OF THE MEETING.

"THAT IS NOT TO SAY THAT THE EXCHANGES BETWEEN THE SOVIET UNION AND THE UNITED STATES ARE NOT VITUPERATIVE, OR THAT LONG, SHARP NEEDLES DON'T GO INTO THE REST OF US," HE SAID.

SCHIFTER SAID IN AN INTERVIEW THAT IT WAS DIFFICULT, BUT IMPORTANT, TO MAINTAIN A FOCUS ON HUMAN RIGHTS PROGRESS IN THE REAL WORLD, RATHER THAN HARMONY IN THE MEETING HALL, AS THE GOAL OF THE CONFERENCE.

"IT'S NOT WHAT GOES ON HERE THAT'S IMPORTANT," SCHIFTER SAID. "IT'S WHAT ULTIMATELY HAPPENS ELSEWHERE."

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BULGARIAN REFUGEES

FOUR BULGARIAN REFUGEES FLEE CAMP

ANKARA, TURKEY (AP) - FOUR BULGARIANS WHO HAD SOUGHT POLITICAL ASYLUM FROM THE WEST HAVE ESCAPED FROM A REFUGEE CAMP IN CENTRAL TURKEY, THE NATION'S HEAD OF SECURITY SAID ON FRIDAY.

THREE OF THE ESCAPEES WERE OF TURKISH ORIGIN AND NONE OF THEM HAD ANY RELATIVES IN TURKEY, SAFFET ARIKAN BEDUK TOLD THE ASSOCIATED PRESS.

HE SAID THE FOUR FLED THE CAMP, IN THE ANATOLIAN PROVINCE OF YOZGAT ON TUESDAY. THEY WERE PLACED IN A REFUGEE CAMP AFTER THEIR ESCAPE TO TURKEY IN YEARS 1982-1985, HE SAID.

RELATIONS BETWEEN TURKEY AND NEIGHBORING BULGARIA HAVE BEEN SEVERELY STRAINED IN RECENT MONTHS OVER REPORTS THAT BULGARIA HAS WAGED A VIOLENT ASSIMILATION CAMPAIGN, FORCING ABOUT ONE MILLION ETHNIC TURKS IN THE COUNTRY TO ADOPT SLAVIC NAMES.

BULGARIA HAS CLAIMED THE NAME CHANGES ARE VOLUNTARY.

THE FOUR REFUGEES HAD SOUGHT ASYLUM FROM ANY WESTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRY WITHOUT CITING ANY PARTICULAR NATION, HE SAID.

"THEY WERE OUR GUESTS UNTIL THEIR REQUESTS FOR POLITICAL ASYLUM FROM A WESTERN COUNTRY WERE PROCESSED." BEDUK SAID.

BEDUK SAID THAT THE FOUR REFUGEES WERE BELIEVED TO BE IN STILL IN TURKEY BUT DID NOT ELABORATE ON THE POINT.

IN APRIL, A BULGARIAN OF TURKISH ORIGIN, ALI MEHMET YUSUFOV ESCAPED FROM A REFUGEE CAMP IN ISTANBUL AND SOUGHT ASYLUM AT THE BULGARIAN CONSULATE. HE CLAIMED AT A NEWS CONFERENCE AT THE CONSULATE THAT HE HAD BEEN ABDUCTED WHILE ON A TRIP TO AUSTRIA AND BROUGHT TO TURKEY WHERE HE WAS TORTURED.

YUSUFOV IS BELIEVED TO BE STILL AT THE CONSULATE, WHERE TURKISH POLICE STAND GUARD TO TRY TO PREVENT HIS ESCAPE.

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BULGARIAN REFUGEES

BULGARIAN REFUGEES ARRESTED

ISTANBUL, TURKEY (AP) - TWO BULGARIANS WHO FLED A REFUGEE CAMP IN CENTRAL TURKEY THEY DESCRIBED AS "A PRISON" HAVE BEEN ARRESTED HERE, AN ISTANBUL NEWSPAPER REPORTED SATURDAY.

TURKISH SECURITY FORCES ARRESTED THE TWO ESCAPEES FROM THE CAMP IN YOZGAT ON FRIDAY, ACCORDING TO THE DAILY HURRIYET. TWO OTHER ESCAPED REFUGEES REMAINED AT LARGE.

AZIZ HUSEYINOV AHMETOV, WHO WAS OF TURKISH ORIGIN AND SPOKE FLUENT TURKISH, WAS QUOTED AS SAYING THAT THEY HAD FLED THE YOZGAT CAMP TUESDAY BECAUSE THEY WERE TREATED LIKE CRIMINALS.

"THE CAMP IN YOZGAT WAS LIKE A PRISON, SO WE DECIDED TO RETURN TO OUR FIRST CAMP IN ISTANBUL," AHMETOV WAS QUOTED AS SAYING. "IT WAS OUR ONLY DESIRE TO REACH THE (ISTANBUL) CAMP."

BULGARIAN REFUGEES WHO FLED TO TURKEY BETWEEN 1982 AND 1985 HAVE BEEN DETAINED AT AN ISTANBUL CAMP. THEY HAD SOUGHT POLITICAL ASYLUM FROM A WESTERN COUNTRY WITHOUT NAMING ANY PARTICULAR NATION, TURKEY'S HEAD OF SECURITY SAFFET ARIKAN BEDUK SAID FRIDAY.

THEY WERE MOVED TO THE YOZGAT CAMP EARLIER THIS MONTH BECAUSE OF OVERCROWDING, BEDUK SAID.

✓ IN APRIL, A BULGARIAN OF TURKISH ORIGIN, ALI MEHMET YUSUFOV ESCAPED FROM AN ISTANBUL REFUGEE CAMP AND SOUGHT ASYLUM AT THE BULGARIAN CONSULATE. HE CLAIMED HE HAD BEEN ABDUCTED WHILE ON A TRIP TO AUSTRIA AND BROUGHT TO TURKEY WHERE HE WAS TORTURED.

YUSUFOV IS BELIEVED STILL AT THE CONSULATE.

RELATIONS BETWEEN TURKEY AND BULGARIA HAVE BEEN STRAINED RECENTLY OVER REPORTS THAT BULGARIA HAS WAGED A SOMETIMES VIOLENT CAMPAIGN TO FORCE ABOUT 1 MILLION ETHNIC TURKS THERE TO ADOPT SLAVIC NAMES.

BULGARIA CLAIMS THE NAME CHANGES ARE VOLUNTARY AND HAS REFUSED TO NEGOTIATE WITH TURKEY TO SEEK A SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM.

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BULGARIAN REFUGEES

BULGARIAN REFUGEES ARRESTED

ANKARA, TURKEY (AP) - TWO BULGARIANS OF TURKISH ORIGIN WHO HAD ESCAPED FROM A REFUGEE CAMP IN CENTRAL TURKEY WERE ARRESTED MONDAY, THE HURRIYET NEWS AGENCY REPORTED.

ONE OF THEM WAS ARRESTED IN THE WESTERN CITY OF BURSA WHERE HE WAS VISITING A FAMILY WHO SETTLED THERE AFTER ESCAPING FROM BULGARIA THREE YEARS AGO, THE DISPATCH SAID.

THE OTHER BULGARIAN WAS ARRESTED IN ISTANBUL, THE REPORT SAID.

FOUR BULGARIAN REFUGEES WHO FLED THE CAMP IN YOZGAT ON TUESDAY HAD ESCAPED TO TURKEY BETWEEN 1982 AND 1985 AND WERE SEEKING POLITICAL ASYLUM IN AN UNSPECIFIED WESTERN COUNTRY, TURKEY'S HEAD OF SECURITY SAFFET ARIKAN BEDUK SAID FRIDAY.

THE TWO OTHERS WERE ARRESTED IN ISTANBUL FRIDAY. THEY WERE THEN QUOTED AS SAYING THAT THEY FLED THE CAMP BECAUSE IT WAS LIKE A PRISON AND THEY WERE TREATED LIKE CRIMINALS.

RELATIONS BETWEEN TURKEY AND BULGARIA HAVE BEEN STRAINED RECENTLY OVER REPORTS THAT BULGARIA HAS BEEN CARRYING OUT A VIOLENT ASSIMILATION CAMPAIGN, FORCING ABOUT 1 MILLION ETHNIC TURKS TO ADOPT SLAVIC NAMES.

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TURKEY-BULGARIA

TURKEY UNHAPPY WITH BULGARIA'S REPLY ON TREATMENT OF ETHNICS
ANKARA, TURKEY (AP) - THE FOREIGN MINISTRY ON TUESDAY SAID IT
WAS DISSATISFIED WITH BULGARIA'S REPLY TO ITS CHARGES THAT ETHNIC
TURKS IN BULGARIA WERE BEING OPPRESSED.

A MINISTRY SPOKESMAN, YALIN ERALP, TOLD REPORTERS THAT THE
BULGARIAN RESPONSE TO A PROTEST NOTE SENT FIVE WEEKS AGO DID NOT
CONTAIN ANYTHING TO IMPROVE RELATIONS BETWEEN THE NEIGHBORING
COUNTRIES, WHICH HAVE BEEN SEVERELY STRAINED BY ALLEGATIONS
BULGARIA HAS BEEN CARRYING OUT A VIOLENT ASSIMILATION CAMPAIGN,
FORCING ABOUT 1 MILLION TURKS TO ADOPT SLAVIC NAMES.

THE PROTEST WAS TURKEY'S THIRD DIPLOMATIC NOTE TO BULGARIA
CONCERNING ALLEGED HARASSMENT OF ETHNIC TURKS IN BULGARIA.

ERALP SAID THAT THE REPLY CLAIMED THAT THERE WERE MOSLEMS, NOT
TURKS IN BULGARIA, AND THAT THE MOSLEMS WERE CHANGING THEIR NAMES
VOLUNTARILY.

HE ASKED WHAT HAPPENED TO ETHNIC TURKS MENTIONED IN IMMIGRATION
AGREEMENTS SIGNED IN THE 1960S.

"IT IS NOT POSSIBLE TO THINK THAT THEY EVAPORATED," ERALP SAID
IN ANSWER TO HIS OWN QUESTION.

ERALP SAID THAT THE GOVERNMENT WAS CONSIDERING TO SEND A FOURTH
PROTEST NOTE BUT DID NOT ELABORATE.

TURKEY WANTS TO NEGOTIATE A SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM, INCLUDING A
POSSIBLE AGREEMENT FOR IMMIGRATION OF ETHNIC TURKS TO TURKEY.

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TURKEY-BULGARIA 1

TURKEY PROTESTS BULGARIAN SURVEILLANCE OF CONSULATE

ANKARA, TURKEY (AP) - TURKEY HAS PROTESTED TO BULGARIA OVER WHAT IT CALLS UNUSUAL SURVEILLANCE OF ITS CONSULATE IN PLOVDIV, BULGARIA, A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID FRIDAY.

TURKISH FOREIGN MINISTRY SPOKESMAN YALIN ERALP SAID THE ACTION WAS APPARENTLY IN RESPONSE TO THE SURVEILLANCE OF THE BULGARIAN CONSULATE IN ISTANBUL, INITIATED BY THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT TO PREVENT THE ESCAPE OF AN ALLEGED BULGARIAN SPY.

TURKEY DELIVERED A VERBAL PROTEST TO BULGARIA AND ASKED THEM TO LIFT THE SURVEILLANCE IMMEDIATELY, ERALP TOLD REPORTERS. HE DID NOT SAY WHEN THE PROTEST WAS MADE.

ERALP SAID THE BULGARIAN MOVE WAS AGAINST THE INTERNATIONAL LAWS AND MUTUAL CONSULATE CONTRACT.

"THE SURVEILLANCE PREVENTS THE TURKISH CONSULATE FROM DOING ITS WORK," ERALP SAID.

BULGARIAN POLICE HAVE SEARCHED EVERYBODY GOING IN AND OUT OF THE TURKISH CONSULATE IN THE LAST FIVE DAYS, ERALP SAID.

HE SAID THAT THERE WAS NO SIMILARITY BETWEEN THE SURVEILLANCE IN ISTANBUL AND THAT IN PLOVDIV AND ADDED THAT TURKEY KEPT A CLOSE WATCH ON THE BULGARIAN CONSULATE BECAUSE OF ACTIVITIES TURKEY SAYS RUN COUNTER TO INTERNATIONAL LAW AND DIPLOMATIC PRACTICE.

TURKEY HAS BEEN WATCHING THE BULGARIAN CONSULATE SINCE THE BEGINNING OF APRIL TO PREVENT THE ESCAPE OF A SUSPECTED BULGARIAN SPY OF TURKISH ORIGIN WHO TOOK WENT THERE AFTER ESCAPING A REFUGE CAMP IN ISTANBUL.

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TURKEY-SOVIET

SOVIET AND BULGARIAN MILITARY PLANES VIOLATE TURKISH AIRSPACE

ANKARA, TURKEY (AP) - SOVIET AND BULGARIAN MILITARY PLANES

VIOLATED TURKISH AIRSPACE TUESDAY, FOREIGN MINISTRY SPOKESMAN YALIN ERALP SAID FRIDAY.

ERALP SAID THAT A SOVIET EMBASSY OFFICIAL ON THURSDAY APOLOGIZED FOR THE INCIDENT AND SAID IT WAS A RESULT OF NAVIGATIONAL ERROR BY THE TWO SOVIET AIRCRAFT.

TURKEY DELIVERED A VERBAL PROTEST TO BULGARIAN AMBASSADOR ARGOIR KONSTANTINOV AND ASKED FOR CLARIFICATION, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE ISTANBUL NEWSPAPER MILLIYET REPORTED THURSDAY THAT TWO BULGARIAN AND TWO SOVIET MILITARY PLANES ENTERED TURKISH AIRSPACE IN THRACE, COMING FROM THE DIRECTION OF THE BLACK SEA.

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ASYLUM

TURKEY GRANTS ASYLUM TO BULGARIAN OF TURKISH ORIGIN

ANKARA, TURKEY (AP) - TURKEY HAS GRANTED ASYLUM TO SALIH SALIMOV, A BULGARIAN SOCCER PLAYER OF TURKISH ORIGIN, THE INDEPENDENT HURRIYET NEWS AGENCY REPORTED FRIDAY.

SALIMOV, DURING HIS TEAM'S VISIT TO BAGHDAD FOR A SPECIAL TOURNAMENT AT THE END OF MAY, CALLED UP TURKISH EMBASSY OFFICIALS AND ASKED FOR ASYLUM IN TURKEY, THE AGENCY SAID.

HURRIYET REPORTED THAT AT THE END OF THE TOURNAMENT, SALIMOV SECRETLY LEFT HIS HOTEL AND TOOK SHELTER AT THE TURKISH EMBASSY IN BAGHDAD ON MAY 29. SALIMOV WAS FLOWN TO TURKEY ON MAY 30, HURRIYET ADDED.

HURRIYET QUOTED SALIMOV AS SAYING THAT HE FLED BULGARIA BECAUSE ETHNIC TURKS LIVING THERE WERE BEING OPPRESSED UNDER A FORCED NAME CHANGE CAMPAIGN.

SALIMOV HAS GONE TO THE WESTERN PROVINCE OF BURSA WHERE HE HAS RELATIVES, THE DISPATCH SAID. ON FRIDAY, HE SIGNED A CONTRACT WITH BURSA'S LOCAL SOCCER TEAM, HURRIYET REPORTED.

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TURKEY-BULGARIA

TURKEY LIFTS WORKING PERMISSION OF BTA CORRESPONDENT

ANKARA, TURKEY (AP) - THE TURKISH FOREIGN MINISTRY ANNOUNCED FRIDAY THAT THE WORKING PERMISSION OF THE BULGARIAN STATE NEWS AGENCY CORRESPONDENT HERE, LUMBOMIR GABROVSKI, HAS BEEN LIFTED.

THE STATEMENT SAID THE DECISION WAS TAKEN BECAUSE BULGARIA REJECTED A REQUEST BY TURKEY'S SEMI-OFFICIAL NEWS AGENCY ANATOLIA TO APPOINT A CORRESPONDENT TO SOFIA.

ANATOLIA AND THE BULGARIAN BTA NEWS AGENCY CAN HAVE CORRESPONDENTS IN EACH OTHER'S COUNTRIES PERMANENTLY OR TEMPORARILY UNDER AN AGREEMENT SIGNED BETWEEN THE TWO AGENCIES IN 1972, THE ANNOUNCEMENT SAID.

GABROVSKI HAS BEEN WORKING IN ANKARA AS BTA CORRESPONDENT SINCE OCTOBER 1983.

ANATOLIA APPLIED TO SEND A CORRESPONDENT TO SOFIA THIS MARCH BUT BULGARIA DID NOT GRANT PERMISSION, THE ANNOUNCEMENT ADDED.

TURKISH AND BULGARIAN RELATIONS HAVE BEEN STRAINED RECENTLY OVER REPORTS THAT BULGARIA HAS BEEN CARRYING OUT A VIOLENT ASSIMILATION CAMPAIGN, FORCING ABOUT ONE MILLION ETHNIC TURKS TO ADOPT SLAVIC NAMES.

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LEAD BULGARIAN BORDER

EDS: CORRECTS TO SHOW BULGARIAN BORDER CROSSINGS

SELECTIVE, CORRECTS THEIR NUMBER

BELGRADE, YUGOSLAVIA (AP) - THE FOREIGN MINISTRY
ANNOUNCED THURSDAY BULGARIA HAS CLOSED SIX OF EIGHT BORDER
CROSSING POINTS WITH YUGOSLAVIA TO FOREIGNERS.

MINISTRY SPOKESMAN ZELJKO JEGLIC TOLD REPORTERS THE
CROSSINGS WERE SHUT DOWN MAY 1 TO ALL BUT YUGOSLAVS AND
BULGARIANS AND SAID HIS COUNTRY HAS ASKED SOFIA TO REOPEN
THEM.

THE OFFICIAL TANJUG NEWS AGENCY SAID THE TRANSIT
POINTS WOULD STAY OPEN ONLY 12 HOURS DURING THE SUMMER AND
EIGHT HOURS IN THE WINTER. THE CROSSINGS HAD PREVIOUSLY
REMAINED OPEN FOR 24 HOURS.

JEGLIC DID NOT SPECIFY REASONS FOR THE MOVE AND IT WAS
NOT CLEAR WHETHER IT WAS IN CONNECTION WITH PERSISTENT
REPORTS BULGARIA IS FORCIBLY ASSIMILATING ITS ETHNIC TURKS.
BULGARIA HAS DENIED THE REPORTS.

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BULGARIAN BORDER

BULGARIANS CLOSE MOST BORDER CROSSING POINTS WITH
YUGOSLAVIA

BELGRADE, YUGOSLAVIA (AP) - THE FOREIGN MINISTRY
ANNOUNCED THURSDAY BULGARIA HAS CLOSED SIX OF NINE BORDER
CROSSING POINTS TO YUGOSLAVIA.

MINISTRY SPOKESMAN ZELJKO JEGLIC TOLD REPORTERS THE
CROSSINGS WERE SHUT DOWN MAY 1 AND SAID HIS COUNTRY HAS
ASKED BULGARIA TO REOPEN THEM.

HE DID NOT SPECIFY REASONS FOR THE MOVE AND IT WAS NOT
CLEAR WHETHER IT WAS IN CONNECTION WITH PERSISTENT REPORTS
BULGARIA IS FORCIBLY ASSIMILATING ITS ETHNIC TURKS.
BULGARIA HAS DENIED THE REPORTS.

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BULGARIA - TURKEY

BULGARIAN TURKS FREE TO LEAVE, COMMUNIST OFFICIAL
SUGGESTS

VIENNA (AP) - A BULGARIAN COMMUNIST OFFICIAL ON WEDNESDAY DENIED REPORTS THAT TURKS IN HIS COUNTRY WERE BEING FORCED TO ASSIMILATE AND SUGGESTED THEY WERE FREE TO LEAVE, THE AUSTRIA PRESS AGENCY REPORTED.

THE OFFICIAL, PENCHO KUBADINSKI, REPORTEDLY SAID THE LOYALTIES OF ETHNIC TURKS IN HIS COUNTRY BELONG TO THE BULGARIAN STATE. TURKEY REPEATEDLY HAS EXPRESSED OFFICIAL CONCERN ABOUT THE REPORTS OF ILL-TREATMENT, BUT BULGARIA DENIES WRONGDOING.

WITHOUT ELABORATING, THE NEWS AGENCY SAID KUBADINSKI ACCUSED TURKEY OF INTERFERENCE IN BULGARIA'S INTERNAL AFFAIRS FOR "POLITICAL REASONS." HE "MADE REFERENCE TO THE GENERAL POSSIBILITY OF EMIGRATION," SAID THE AGENCY, WITHOUT PROVIDING DETAILS.

KUBADINSKI IS ON AN OFFICIAL VISIT HERE, AS LEADER OF A BULGARIAN PARLIAMENTARY DELEGATION.

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BULGARIANS FLEE

THREE FLEE BULGARIA

EDIRNE, TURKEY (AP) - THREE ROAD WORKERS SEIZED A TRUCK AND CRASHED IT THROUGH CHECKPOINT BARRIERS, ESCAPING FROM BULGARIA INTO TURKEY FRIDAY NIGHT, THE SEMI-OFFICIAL TURKISH NEWS AGENCY SAID.

THE ESCAPE TOOK PLACE IN THE WESTERN PROVINCE OF EDIRNE, THE NEWS AGENCY, ANATOLIA SAID.

THE THREE BULGARIANS, EACH 24 YEARS OLD AND OF TURKISH ORIGIN, WERE LAYING DOWN ASPHALT ON A HIGHWAY CLOSE TO THE KAPIKULE BORDER GATE OF TURKEY, THE DISPATCH REPORTED. THEY SEIZED A GOVERNMENT HIGHWAY TRUCK, IT SAID.

AFTER CROSSING THE BORDER, THE THREE SURRENDERED TO POLICE AND ASKED FOR ASYLUM.

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ANKARA - TURKEY-BULGARIA-2

RELATIONS BETWEEN TURKEY AND ITS NEIGHBOR BULGARIA HAVE BEEN STARINED EVER SINCE REPORTS APPEARED SIX MONTHS AGO OF THE ALLEGED ASSIMILATION CAMPAIGN, CONDUCTED PRIMARILY THROUGH FORCED NAME CHANGES.

TURKEY CLAIMS THAT BULGARIAN AUTHORITIES WAGED AN OPPRESSIVE CAMPAIGN TO FORCE ABOUT ONE MILLION ETHNIC TURKS IN THAT COUNTRY TO CHANGE THEIR MOSLEM NAMES INTO CHRISTIAN-SLAVIC ONES.

THERE HAVE BEEN REPORTS OF RESISTANCE BY ETHNIC TURKS AND SUBSEQUENT KILLINGS.

ASKED WHETHER THE RECENT DEVELOPMENT OVER THE PLOVDIV CONSULATE MEANT A SOFTENING OF THE BULGARIAN ATTITUDE, ERALP SAID ANY REAL SOFTENING WILL COME WHEN THE "OPPRESSION" OF THE TURKISH MINORITY THERE STOPS.

PREMIER TURGUT OZAL SAID FRIDAY HE HAS NO PLANS TO ACCEPT AN INVITATION FROM BULGARIA FOR AN OFFICIAL VISIT, EXTENDED SOON AFTER HE CAME TO POWER IN DECEMBER, 1983, AS LONG AS THE PROBLEM OF ETHNIC TURKS IS UNRESOLVED.

TURKISH PAPERS HAVE BEEN SPECULATING THAT BULGARIA HAVE SENT BEKIR CELENK, REPUTED ARMS SMUGGLER AND A DEFENDANT IN THE POPE PLOT TRIAL IN ROME, TO TURKEY HOPING FOR A SWAP WITH YUSUFOV.

BUT SHORTLY AFTER CELENK'S ARRIVAL IN ISTANBUL SUNDAY, FOREIGN MINISTER VAHIT HALEFOGLU SAID CELENK'S RETURN WAS NOT PART OF ANY DEAL WITH BULGARIAN AUTHORITIES.

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ISTANBUL - TURKEY-BULGARIA 2

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THERE HAVE BEEN REPORTS OF RESISTANCE BY ETHNIC TURKS AND SUBSEQUENT KILLINGS.

BULGARIANS HAVE REJECTED SUCH CLAIMS AND SAID NAME CHANGES WERE VOLUNTARY.

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TURKEY-BULGARIA

WITH HELSINKI CONFERENCE

TURKEY ACCUSES BULGARIA OF 'FORCEFUL ASSIMILATION'

HELSINKI, FINLAND (AP) -- TURKISH FOREIGN MINISTER VACIT HALEFOGLU CHARGED AT A 35-COUNTRY MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE HERE THURSDAY THAT BULGARIA WAS ENGAGED IN 'FORCEFUL ASSIMILATION' OF A MILLION ETHNIC TURKS WITHIN ITS BORDERS.

HE ACCUSED BULGARIA WAS FORCING CITIZENS WITH TURKISH ORIGINS TO CHANGE THEIR TURKISH NAMES AND BANNING THE SPEAKING OF TURKISH IN PUBLIC.

HALEFOGLU SAID ETHNIC TURKS WERE BEING FORCED TO SIGN PAPERS DECLARING THEY HAD NO RELATIVES IN NEIGHBORING TURKEY AND WERE BEING PREVENTED FROM VISITING RELATIVES WHO HAD EMIGRATED TO TURKEY.

'WE HAVE BEEN ASKED TO BELIEVE THAT ALL THE MEMBERS OF THIS NATIONAL MINORITY, ELDERLY AND CHILDREN INCLUDED, DECIDED OVERNIGHT BY THEIR OWN FREE WILL, TO CHANGE THEIR NAMES,' HE SAID IN THE PREPARED TEXT OF ONE OF THE FINAL SPEECHES AT A CONFERENCE CELEBRATING THE FIRST DECADE OF THE 1975 HELSINKI ACCORDS.

BULGARIA'S FOREIGN MINISTER, MARI IVANOV, WAS ALSO AMONG THE FINAL SPEAKER CONFERENCE, BUT HIS TEXT MADE NO MENTION OF THE DISPUTE WITH TURKEY.

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SEEN FREQUENT REPORTS, FEW OF THEM DIRECTLY FROM INSIDE BULGARIA THIS YEAR ABOUT GOVERNMENT EFFORTS TO DISCOURAGE THE COUNTRY'S TURKISH MINORITY FROM MAINTAINING A SEPARATE CULTURAL IDENTITY.

RELATIONS BETWEEN TURKS AND OTHER BALKAN COUNTRIES ARE STILL COLORED BY RESENTMENTS FROM FIVE CENTURIES OF TURKISH RULE WHICH CONTINUED INTO THE 19TH CENTURY IN BULGARIA.

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TURKEY-BULGARIA

TURKEY GIVES NOTE TO BULGARIA OVER ETHNIC TURKS

ANKARA, TURKEY (AP) - TURKEY DELIVERED A DIPLOMATIC NOTE TO BULGARIA FOR THE FOURTH TIME IN SEVEN MONTHS OVER ALLEGED OPPRESSION OF ETHNIC TURKS IN THAT COUNTRY, THE FOREIGN MINISTRY ANNOUNCED FRIDAY.

FOREIGN MINISTRY SPOKESMAN YALIM ERALP SAID THE NOTE CONTAINED TURKEY'S PROPOSAL TO NEGOTIATE A SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM. IT WAS NOT ANNOUNCED WHEN THE NOTE WAS GIVEN.

RELATIONS BETWEEN TURKEY AND NEIGHBORING BULGARIA HAVE BEEN STRAINED SINCE REPORTS EARLIER THIS YEAR OF AN ALLEGED ASSIMILATION CAMPAIGN IN BULGARIA AIMED AT ETHNIC TURKS, FORCING ABOUT 1 MILLION TURKS TO ADOPT SLAVIC NAMES.

ERALP SAID THAT RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES WOULD NOT RETURN TO NORMAL UNTIL THIS PROBLEM WAS SOLVED.

TURKEY DELIVERED THE FIRST NOTE TO BULGARIA OVER THE MATTER IN FEBRUARY.

BULGARIA'S REPLIES TO TURKEY'S PREVIOUS NOTES WERE NOT FOUND "CLEAR AND CONCRETE" BY TURKISH AUTHORITIES.

TURKISH AND FOREIGN PRESS REPORTS CLAIMED THAT BULGARIAN FORCES KILLED MEMBERS OF THE TURKISH MINORITY WHEN THEY RESISTED NAME CHANGES DURING AN ALLEGED ASSIMILATION CAMPAIGN.

BULGARIA HAS CLAIMED THAT TURKS WERE ADOPTING SLAVIC NAMES VOLUNTARILY. ETHNIC TURKS, BULGARIA'S LARGEST MINORITY GROUP, MAKE UP 10 PERCENT OF THE TOTAL POPULATION.

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TURKEY-BULGARIA

TURKISH PROTESTERS CLASH WITH BULGARIANS AT TRADE FAIR

IZMIR, TURKEY (AP) - A PROTEST AGAINST THE ALLEGED HARASSMENT OF ETHNIC TURKS IN BULGARIA SPARKED CLASHES WITH BULGARIANS AT A TRADE FAIR IN THIS AEGEAN COASTAL CITY, THE INDEPENDENT HURRIYET NEWS AGENCY REPORTED THURSDAY.

THE REPORT SAID BULGARIANS ATTENDING THE FAIR ATTACKED THE TURKISH PROTESTERS WITH CHAIRS AND STICKS WEDNESDAY EVENING AFTER THE TURKS LAID A WREATH DRAPED IN BLACK AT THE ENTRANCE TO THE BULGARIAN PAVILION.

POLICE INTERVENED AND ARRESTED FIVE TURKS ACCUSED OF LEADING THE DEMONSTRATION, THE NEWS AGENCY REPORTED. IT SAID TWO DEMONSTRATORS AND A POLICEMAN WERE WOUNDED SLIGHTLY.

THE REPORT SAID ABOUT 200 TURKS, WHO HAD EMIGRATED FROM BULGARIA, TOOK PART IN THE PROTEST.

RELATIONS BETWEEN TURKEY AND NEIGHBORING BULGARIA HAVE BEEN STRAINED SINCE REPORTS EARLIER THIS YEAR OF AN ALLEGED ASSIMILATION CAMPAIGN BY BULGARIA TO FORCE ETHNIC TURKS TO ADOPT SLAVIC NAMES.

ETHNIC TURKS, ESTIMATED TO NUMBER ONE MILLION, OR ABOUT 10 PERCENT OF THE POPULATION, MAKE UP BULGARIA'S LARGEST MINORITY.

TURKISH AND FOREIGN PRESS REPORTS HAVE CLAIMED THAT BULGARIAN SECURITY FORCES HAVE KILLED SOME ETHNIC TURKS WHEN THEY RESISTED NAME CHANGES. BULGARIA HAS SAID THAT ETHNIC TURKS WERE ADOPTING SLAVIC NAMES VOLUNTARILY.

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COUNCIL-BULGARIA

COUNCIL OF EUROPE DEPLORES BULGARIZATION OF TURKS

STRASBOURG, FRANCE (AP) - THE PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY OF THE 21-NATION COUNCIL OF EUROPE ON THURSDAY CONDEMNED BULGARIA'S CAMPAIGN TO ASSIMILATE ITS TURKISH MINORITY AND CALLED ON THE GOVERNMENT "TO PUT AN IMMEDIATE END TO THIS REPRESSIVE POLICY."

IN ITS RESOLUTION, THE 171-MEMBER ASSEMBLY SAID THE MEASURES TAKEN BY BULGARIAN AUTHORITIES TO OBLITERATE THE IDENTITY OF ETHNIC TURKS VIOLATES A NUMBER OF INTERNATIONAL TREATIES, INCLUDING THE HELSINKI FINAL ACT.

THE PARLIAMENTARIANS ASKED THE BULGARIAN GOVERNMENT TO HALT THE CAMPAIGN AND TO OPEN UP THE REGIONS POPULATED BY TURKS TO INSPECTION BY FOREIGN DIPLOMATS.

DAVID ATKINSON, A BRITISH CONSERVATIVE WHO DRAFTED THE RESOLUTION, SAID THE RECENT CAMPAIGN TO FORCE ETHNIC TURKS TO ADOPT BULGARIAN NAMES IS PART OF AN ASSIMILATION PROCESS WHICH STARTED IN THE EARLY 1970S. HE CITED REPORTS OF TROOP INTERVENTION AND SUMMARY EXECUTIONS AS METHODS USED BY SOPHIA.

"IT'S A CASE OF IMPOSING A MARXIST PHILOSOPHY ON AN UNWILLING PEOPLE," HE SAID.

TURKISH POPULATION IS ESTIMATED AT BETWEEN 800,000 AND 1.1 MILLION, OR ABOUT 10 PERCENT OF THE TOTAL POPULATION OF BULGARIA.

TURKISH PARLIAMENTARIAN KAMRAN INAN TOLD THE HOUSE THE BULGARIZATION PROCESS IS CARRIED TO SUCH EXTREMES THAT INTERNATIONAL MAIL ADDRESSED TO THOSE BEARING TURKISH NAMES IS RETURNED AS UNDELIVERABLE AND EVEN NAMES ON TOMBSTONES ARE BEING CHANGED.

IN THE FINAL SHOW-OF-HAND VOTE ON THE RESOLUTION, GREEK DEPUTIES ABSTAINED IN PROTEST OF TURKEY'S "EXPANSIONIST POLICY" IN THE MEDITERRANEAN REGION.

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EDUCATION MINISTER TO VISIT BULGARIA

ISTANBUL, TURKEY (AP) - TURKISH EDUCATION MINISTER METIN EMIROGLU FLEW TO SOFIA ON SATURDAY TO ATTEND THE GENERAL CONFERENCE OF THE U.N. EDUCATIONAL, SCIENTIFIC AND CULTURAL ORGANIZATION; THE SENI-OFFICIAL ANATOLIA NEWS AGENCY REPORTED.

EMIROGLU BECAME THE FIRST HIGH-LEVEL TURKISH OFFICIAL TO VISIT BULGARIA SINCE RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO NEIGHBORS WERE STRAINED FOLLOWING REPORTS EARLIER THIS YEAR OF ALLEGED OPPRESSION OF ETHNIC TURKS IN BULGARIA.

TURKEY HAS SINCE DELIVERED FOUR DIPLOMATIC NOTES TO BULGARIA OVER AN ALLEGED ASSIMILATION CAMPAIGN IN BULGARIA AIMED AT 1 MILLION PERSONS OF TURKISH DESCENT LIVING THERE.

TURKISH AND FOREIGN PRESS REPORTS CLAIMED THAT BULGARIAN FORCES KILLED MEMBERS OF THE TURKISH MINORITY WHEN THEY RESISTED ADOPTING SLAVIC NAMES.

BULGARIA HAS CLAIMED THAT TURKS WERE ADOPTING THE NAMES VOLUNTARILY.

ETHNIC TURKS, BULGARIA'S LARGEST MINORITY GROUP, MAKE UP 10 PERCENT OF THE POPULATION.

EMIROGLU WILL ADDRESS THE GENERAL CONFERENCE ON MONDAY AND WILL RETURN HOME WEDNESDAY. THERE WAS NO OFFICIAL WORD WHETHER HE WOULD MEET WITH BULGARIAN OFFICIALS CONCERNING THE RIFT BETWEEN THE TWO NATIONS.

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TURKEY- BULGARIA

ANKARA CALLS FOR END OF UNJUST PRACTICES AGAINST
TURKISH MINORITY

SOFIA, BULGARIA (AP) - TURKEY CALLED ON BULGARIA MONDAY
TO END A VIOLENT CAMPAIGN AIMED AT ASSIMILATING ITS TURKISH
MINORITY AND SAID IT WAS READY TO DISCUSS THE ISSUE WITH
THE SOFIA GOVERNMENT.

BUT IN A SPEECH TO UNESCO'S GENERAL CONFERENCE, TURKISH
EDUCATION, YOUTH AND SPORTS MINISTER METIN EMIRGOLU SAID
BULGARIA HAD REFUSED ALL OFFERS OF NEGOTIATION.

HE SAID TURKEY REGRETTED HAVING TO BRING THE ATTENTION
OF THE U.N. EDUCATIONAL, SCIENTIFIC AND CULTURAL
ORGANIZATION TO THE PROBLEM AND STRESSED THAT ITS CONCERN
WAS PRIMARILY HUMANITARIAN.

"AS IS WELL KNOWN BY WORLD PUBLIC OPINION," EMIRGOLU
SAID, "THE MEMBERS OF THE MOSLEM-TURKISH MINORITY IN
BULGARIA HAVE BEEN DEPRIVED OF THEIR RIGHTS TO RELIGIOUS
PRACTICE IN THEIR OWN FAITH AND OF THEIR RIGHT TO
COMMUNICATE WITH RELATIVES IN TURKEY."

HE SAID IN 1950 THERE WERE 1,119 TURKISH SCHOOLS IN
BULGARIA, 100,376 TURKISH STUDENTS AND 3,031 TURKISH
TEACHERS.

"TODAY THERE IS NOT A SINGLE TURKISH SCHOOL LEFT,"
EMIRGOLU SAID, SPEAKING IN TURKISH TO THE 2,000 DELEGATES
IN THE CONFERENCE HALL, INCLUDING HIGH LEVEL
REPRESENTATIVES OF THE HOST GOVERNMENT. "TURKS ARE NOT
EVEN PERMITTED TO SPEAK TURKISH AMONG THEMSELVES IN PUBLIC
PLACES."

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SOFIA - TURKEY-BULGARIA 2

ETHNIC TURKS CONSTITUTE BULGARIA'S LARGEST MINORITY WITH A POPULATION OF 905,000 OR 10 PERCENT OF THE TOTAL.

EARLIER THIS YEAR, ARMY AND POLICE FORCES WAGED A VIOLENT CAMPAIGN TO FORCE THE TURKS TO TAKE BULGARIAN NAMES, ACCORDING TO DIPLOMATIC SOURCES IN SOFIA. THEY SAID SINCE THE EFFORT BEGAN TWO YEARS AGO, MORE THAN 100 PEOPLE HAVE BEEN KILLED. IT HAS BEEN IMPOSSIBLE TO CONFIRM THESE FIGURES.

BULGARIA HAS DENIED THAT MINORITY TURKS HAVE BEEN FORCED TO ADOPT BULGARIAN NAMES OR HAD DIED IN FIGHTING WITH GOVERNMENT MILITIA.

REFERRING TO THIS CAMPAIGN, EMIRGOLU SAID, "MOSLME TURKISH NAMES HAVE BEEN CHANGED INTO BULGARIAN NAMES. THIS OPERATION, UNFORTUNATELY, WAS CARRIED OUT FROM TIME TO TIME BY VIOLENT METHODS.

"IN THIS MANNER A NATIONAL MINORITY WHICH CONSTITUTES MORE THAN 10 PERCENT OF THE POPULATION HAS BEEN CUT OFF FROM ITS CULTURAL BACKGROUND."

HE SAID TURKEY WAS ALREADY ON THE RECORD AS BEING WILLING TO RECEIVE THE BULGARIAN TURKS IF NECESSARY.

EMIRGOLU SAID UNESCO HAD A RESPONSIBILITY TO KEEP CLOSE TRACK OF THE PROBLEMS THE TURKISH MINORITY IS FACING AND LOOK FOR SOLUTIONS TO THESE PROBLEMS WHICH CONCERN HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE FIELDS OF EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND CULTURE.

HE SAID HISTORICAL MONUMENTS AND PLACES OF TURKISH ORIGIN HAVE BEEN SYSTEMATICALLY REDUCED IN NUMBER AND THE MOSQUES HAVE BEEN CLOSED.

EMIRGOLU SAID IT WAS "A FACT THAT THE TURKISH MINORITY HAS NEITHER FREEDOM OF EDUCATION, NOR FREEDOM OF FAITH OR RELIGIOUS PRACTICE. CUSTOMS, TRADITIONS AND RITES ARE SYSTEMATICALLY INTERFERED WITH."

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CULTURAL FORUM

TURKEY ASSAILS BULGARIA AT 35-NATION CONFERENCE

EDS: LEAD EXPECTED BY 1600 GMT

BY GEORGE JAHN

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BUDAPEST, HUNGARY - TURKEY TOLD THE 35-NATION HELSINKI CULTURAL FORUM WEDNESDAY THAT BULGARIA CONTINUES TO FORCIBLY ASSIMILATE ITS TURKISH MINORITY AND BILATERAL RELATIONS WOULD SUFFER UNTIL THE ALLEGED PERSECUTION CEASED.

"THE BULGARIAN GOVERNMENT ... CONTINUES TO DESTROY THE CULTURAL IDENTITY OF THE TURKISH NATIONAL MINORITY LIVING ON ITS TERRITORY," CHIEF TURKISH DELEGATE CENAP KESKIN CHARGED.

"IT IS OBVIOUS THAT AS LONG AS THIS POLICY OF FORCED ASSIMILATION AND TOTAL ANNIHILATION OF THE TURKISH NATIONAL CULTURE IS PURSUED, THE RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES ARE CONDEMNED TO INERTIA."

TURKEY HAS PROTESTED SEVERAL TIMES IN THE PAST YEAR TO COMMUNIST BULGARIA OVER THE ALLEGED SUPPRESSION, BUT THE BULGARIANS DENY ANY WRONGDOING. THE ISSUE ALSO FLARED UP THIS WEEK IN BULGARIA, WITH BOTH COUNTRIES TRADING CHARGES AT THE GENERAL CONFERENCE OF THE U.N. EDUCATIONAL, SCIENTIFIC AND CULTURAL ORGANIZATION IN SOFIA.

THERE HAVE BEEN REPEATED REPORTS OF BULGARIAN TURKS BEING FORCED TO ADOPT SLAVIC NAMES AND GIVE UP ISLAM. RESISTANCE AMONG THE MORE THAN 900,000 MEMBER TURKISH MINORITY IS SAID TO HAVE RESULTED IN SOME DEATHS, BUT NONE OF THE REPORTS HAS EVER BEEN CONFIRMED.

WHILE CONCEDED THAT MANY OF ITS TURKS HAVE TAKEN SLAVIC NAMES, BULGARIA MAINTAINS THEY DID SO VOLUNTARILY. FORMALLY A CONFERENCE ON THE ARTS, THE CULTURAL FORUM HAS HAD TO DEAL REPEATEDLY WITH HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUES SUCH AS MINORITY RIGHTS, FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION AND CENSORSHIP, SINCE IT OPENED TUESDAY.

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CULTURAL FORUM - BULGARIA

NO TURKISH MINORITY IN BULGARIA, SAYS BALKAN COUNTRY'S
DELEGATE

BUDAPEST, HUNGARY (AP) - BULGARIA, REJECTING CLAIMS IT
SUPPRESSES ITS TURKISH MINORITY, TOLD THE 35-NATION
CULTURAL FORUM FRIDAY THERE IS NO SUCH ETHNIC GROUP IN THE
COUNTRY.

"IN THE BULGARIAN VIEW, THERE IS NO TURKISH NATIONAL
MINORITY LIVING IN BULGARIA," SAID KONSTANTIN GRIGOROV,
THE COMMUNIST BALKAN NATION'S CHIEF REPRESENTATIVE TO THE
MEETING, THE STATE-RUN MTI NEWS AGENCY REPORTED.

TURKEY TOLD THE CONFERENCE WEDNESDAY THAT BULGARIAN
TURKS WERE BEING FORCIBLY ASSIMILATED. SUCH TURKISH
ACCUSATIONS ARE ROUTINELY DENIED BY BULGARIA, WHICH SAYS
THEY CONSTITUTE INTERFERENCE IN ITS SOVEREIGN AFFAIRS.

THE GROUP IN QUESTION IS MADE UP OF "BULGARIANS WHO
DURING THE CENTURIES OF TURKISH OCCUPATION AND LATER WERE
CONVERTED TO THE MOSLEM RELIGION," GRIGOROV WAS QUOTED AS
SAYING. "THEIR DESCENDANTS LIVE IN BULGARIA AND THEY CAN
FREELY PRACTISE THEIR RELIGION."

THE SIX-WEEK CONFERENCE OF DIPLOMATS, GOVERNMENT
OFFICIALS AND ARTISTS ORIGINATES FROM THE 1975 HELSINKI ACT
ESTABLISHING STANDARDS ON EUROPEAN SECURITY, HUMAN RIGHTS,
DISARMAMENT, ECONOMIC COOPERATION AND CULTURE.

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BULGARIAN MUSLIMS

GREEK COURT APPROVES EXTRADITION FOR POLITICAL REFUGEES

ATHENS, GREECE (AP) - A GREEK COURT HAS APPROVED A BULGARIAN EXTRADITION REQUEST FOR THREE MUSLIM VILLAGERS GRANTED POLITICAL ASYLUM HERE LAST APRIL; A SPOKESMAN FOR THE U.N. HIGH COMMISSION FOR REFUGEES SAID HERE WEDNESDAY.

THE THREE, IDENTIFIED AS YUSUF BILAGLOU, 30, SAIT MESTANOGLU, ALSO 30, AND HIS ELDER BROTHER MUSSEIN, 39, ARE HELD IN ATHENS' KORYDALLOS JAIL PENDING A SUPREME COURT HEARING OF THEIR APPEAL AGAINST EXTRADITION LATER THIS MONTH, THE SPOKESMAN, WHO ASKED NOT TO BE NAMED, SAID.

A COURT SPOKESMAN SAID THE THREE FACE THEFT AND ARSON CHARGES IN BULGARIA.

"SINCE THEY WERE ACCUSED OF A CRIME WHICH WAS NOT CONNECTED WITH THEIR FLIGHT TO GREECE, THE COURT UPHELD THE REQUEST UNDER AN EXISTING GREEK-BULGARIAN EXTRADITION AGREEMENT," THE SPOKESMAN, WHO ASKED NOT TO BE IDENTIFIED, SAID.

THE THREE BULGARIAN MUSLIMS, WHO FLED TO GREECE WITH THEIR WIVES AND CHILDREN IN A 12-MEMBER GROUP, HAVE REQUESTED PERMISSION TO GO TO TURKEY, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

IN INTERVIEWS HERE, THE THREE SAID THEY SLIPPED ACROSS THE MOUNTAINOUS GREEK-BULGARIAN BORDER TO ESCAPE BULGARIA'S FORCED ASSIMILIATION PROGRAM FOR ITS MUSLIM MINORITY.

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ASKED ABOUT A TURKISH OFFER TO TAKE IN BULGARIAN TURKS AND NEGOTIATE THE QUESTION WITH SOFIA, SHOPOV SAID BULGARIA WAS ALWAYS READY FOR TALKS WITH ITS NEIGHBOR BUT THERE COULD BE NO PRECONDITIONS, AND DISCUSSIONS HAD TO BE BASED ON NON-INTERFERENCE IN BULGARIAN INTERNAL AFFAIRS.

THE DIPLOMATIC INFORMANTS SAID ONE OF THE MOTIVES FOR THE REPORTED CAMPAIGN MAY BE A DESIRE BY THE BULGARIAN COMMUNIST PARTY, HEADED BY TODOR ZHIVKOV, TO CREATE AN ETHNICALLY UNIFORM COUNTRY IN TIME FOR A CENSUS SCHEDULED LATER THIS YEAR.

ANOTHER MOTIVE, THEY SAID, WAS A CONCERN THAT THE BULGARIAN TURKS WERE REPRODUCING AT A FASTER RATE THAN THE BULGARIAN MAJORITY.

PREVIOUSLY BULGARIAN AUTHORITIES HAVE MOVED TO "BULGARIZE" A MINORITY. THEIR EFFORTS HAVE BEEN AIMED AT GYPSIES, MACEDONIANS, AND THOSE BULGARIANS WHO ADOPTED ISLAM UNDER OTTOMAN RULE AND WERE KNOWN AS POMAKS.

THE MACEDONIAN ISSUE IS STILL A SORE POINT WITH NEIGHBORING YUGOSLAVIA, WHICH ACCUSES THIS COUNTRY OF HAVING TERRITORIAL DESIGNS ON ITS OWN CONSTITUENT REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA.

SEVERAL BULGARIANS AT THE UNESCO CONFERENCE APPEARED UNCONCERNED ABOUT THE REPORTS OF VIOLENCE AND RELIGIOUS PERSECUTION AGAINST THE ETHNIC TURKS.

"BULGARIA LIVED FOR 500 YEARS UNDER THE OTTOMAN TURKS," SAID ONE SOFIA JOURNALIST. "THEY TRIED THEN TO ELIMINATE OUR LANGUAGE AND CULTURE. NOW WE ARE ESTABLISHING ONE BULGARIAN NATIONALITY."

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THE DIPLOMATS SAID THE MOSQUE, MAINLY USED BY THE ISLAMIC DIPLOMATIC COMMUNITY, HAD RECEIVED A NEW COAT OF PAINT AND THE AREA AROUND IT CLEANED IN PREPARATION FOR AN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE IN MID OCTOBER OF THE U.N. EDUCATIONAL, SCIENTIFIC AND CULTURAL ORGANIZATION.

AT THE CONFERENCE BULGARIA AND TURKEY CLASHED OVER THE TURKISH MINORITY.

TURKISH OFFICIALS ACCUSED THE BULGARIANS OF REPRESSION AND VIOLENCE AGAINST THE TURKISH COMMUNITY AND SAID THE "CULTURAL VALUES OF THE MOSLEM TURKISH MINORITY ARE SUBJECTED TO SYSTEMATIC ERADICATION."

THE BULGARIANS SAID THE TURKISH CHARGES WERE LIES AND AN ATTEMPT TO DEFLECT THE ATTENTION OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY FROM HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS IN TURKEY. THEY ACCUSED THE TURKS OF GENOCIDE IN THE KILLING OF 1.5 MILLION ARMENIANS EARLY IN THIS CENTURY AND POINTED TO THEIR OCCUPATION OF NORTHERN CYPRUS.

A BULGARIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL, LYUBOMIR SHOPOV, SAID THERE WAS NO TURKISH NATIONAL MINORITY IN BULGARIA, ONLY BULGARIANS OF DIFFERENT RELIGIOUS AFFILIATIONS.

HE SAID IT WAS ANKARA THAT TERMINATED A BILATERAL AGREEMENT UNDER WHICH 125,000 PEOPLE WERE ABLE TO LEAVE BULGARIA FROM 1968 TO 1978. AT PRESENT PEOPLE MAY LEAVE ONLY AFTER EXAMINATION OF THEIR INDIVIDUAL CASES AND THEN ONLY IF THE MAIN QUESTION IS REUNIFICATION OF A FAMILY.

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ATHENS - BULGARIAN MUSLIMS 2

ACCORDING TO TURKISH AND FOREIGN PRESS REPORTS MORE THAN 800 MEMBERS OF A 900,000-STRONG MUSLIM MINORITY LIVING IN SOUTHERN AND EASTERN BULGARIA HAVE BEEN KILLED DURING THE FORCED ASSIMILATION CAMPAIGN.

ANOTHER GREEK COURT LAST WEEK REJECTED A SECOND BULGARIAN EXTRADITION REQUEST, FOR TWO BULGARIANS WHO FLEW A HELICOPTER CROSDUSTER ACROSS THE BORDER TO GREECE LAST AUGUST.

THE TWO FUGITIVES, MESLOV KIRKOV, 36, A FORMER BULGARIAN AIR FORCE OFFICER, AND BOLAN BOEROV, 29, TOOK REFUGE AT THE AMERICAN CONSULATE IN SALONICA AND WERE TRANSFERRED LATER TO A U.N. RECEPTION CENTER NEAR ATHENS WHERE THEY APPLIED TO EMIGRATE TO THE UNITED STATES.

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BULGARIAN TURKS, 0245

CAMPAIGN TO ABSORB MINORITY ENTERS NEW PHASE

AN AP SPECIAL REPORT

BY HARRY DUNPHY

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KARDZALI, BULGARIA (AP) - AUTHORITIES ARE APPARENTLY INCREASING PRESSURE TO ASSIMILATE ETHNIC TURKS; INTENSIFYING EFFORTS TO STAMP OUT MOSLEM RELIGIOUS PRACTICES AND USE OF THE TURKISH LANGUAGE.

IN THREE VILLAGES WITH LARGE TURKISH POPULATIONS IN THE MOUNTAINOUS, PARCHED SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE COUNTRY, SEVERAL RESIDENTS TOLD AN ASSOCIATED PRESS REPORTER THAT THE ARMY AND POLICE BEAT AND TORTURED ETHNIC TURKS EARLIER IN THE YEAR TO FORCE THEM TO TAKE BULGARIAN NAMES.

BULGARIAN OFFICIALS HAVE REPEATEDLY DENIED REPORTS OF REPRESSION OF ETHNIC TURKS. TURKEY RULED BULGARIA UNTIL 1908, AND ETHNIC TURKS ARE BULGARIA'S LARGEST MINORITY. THEY NUMBER 900,000 AND REPRESENT 10 PERCENT OF THE TOTAL POPULATION.

THERE WERE NO SIGNS OF EXTRA POLICE OR TROOPS ON DUTY IN THREE VILLAGES SOUTH OF KARDZALI, WHERE TROUBLE HAD BEEN REPORTED. BUT THERE WAS A MILITARY CAMP IN DZHEBEL 20 KILOMETERS (12 MILES) SOUTH OF KARDZALI THAT PASSING TURKS REGARDED WARILY AS THEY CAME INTO THE VILLAGE TO SHOP ON A SATURDAY AFTERNOON.

'THE SITUATION IS VERY BAD,' SAID A TURKISH RESIDENT OF ANOTHER VILLAGE WHO DID NOT WANT HIS NAME USED FOR FEAR OF REPRISAL. 'WE CANNOT PRAY IN OUR MOSQUE, ONLY THE INAM (RELIGIOUS LEADER) CAN. THE AUTHORITIES MAKE FUN OF OUR RELIGIOUS PRACTICES AND WE CANNOT SPEAK OUR LANGUAGE.'

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AT AN OUTDOOR KEBAB (MEAT) STAND AND IN A BAKERY IN THE VILLAGE, SIGNS IN RED INK SAID: "NO TURKISH SPOKEN. SERVICE ONLY TO THOSE WHO SPEAK BULGARIAN."

THERE IS A FINE FOR SPEAKING TURKISH IN PUBLIC PLACES, BUT REPLIES VARIED AS TO WHETHER IT WAS FIVE LEVA OR 20 LEVA. A LEVA IS WORTH APPROXIMATELY ONE DOLLAR.

ACCORDING TO FOREIGN CONTACTS IN SOFIA, THE CAPITAL, GOVERNMENT-CONTROLLED NEWSPAPERS IN TURKISH AREAS HAVE SAID SUCH RELIGIOUS PRACTICES AS CIRCUMCISION, BURIAL IN A SHROUD AND SLAUGHTER OF SHEEP ON RELIGIOUS HOLIDAYS ARE UNHEALTHY. THE SOURCES SPOKE ON CONDITION OF ANONYMITY BECAUSE OF THEIR DIPLOMATIC STATUS.

THE INFORMANTS ALSO SAID THE 1,500 MOSQUES IN BULGARIA IN 1950 HAD BEEN REDUCED TO A HANDFUL.

IN THE NORTHERN TOWN OF SUMEN THE TOMBUL MOSQUE IS OPEN BUT PRIMARILY TO SHOW FOREIGN TOURISTS, THE DIPLOMATS SAID. A SMALL PLAQUE IN BULGARIAN AND ENGLISH IDENTIFIES THE MOSQUE, BUILT IN 1740, AS A HISTORICAL MONUMENT.

AT THE TRADITIONAL FRIDAY NOON PRAYERS IN THE 16TH CENTURY BANIA BASI MOSQUE ON A MAIN STREET IN SOFIA, 25 MEN WERE SEATED ON PRAYER RUGS AS THE IMAM INTONED VERSES OF THE KORAN.

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AMNESTY-BULGARI

HUMAN RIGHTS GROUP APPEALS AGAINST EXTRADITION

LONDON (AP) - AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL THURSDAY PUBLISHED AN APPEAL TO GREECE AGAINST EXTRADITING THREE MEN TO BULGARIA WHERE IT SAID THEY FACE POSSIBLE DEATH SENTENCES FOR CRITICIZING HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES THERE.

THE THREE, MEMBERS OF BULGARIA'S ETHNIC TURKISH MINORITY, HAVE GIVEN INTERVIEWS TO A TURKISH NEWSPAPER AND TESTIFIED TO AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL ABOUT ARRESTS AND DEATHS DURING AN OFFICIAL CAMPAIGN TO FORCE ETHNIC TURKS TO ADOPT BULGARIAN NAMES, THE WORLDWIDE HUMAN RIGHTS GROUP SAID.

A GREEK SUPREME COURT HEARING ON THEIR FINAL APPEAL AGAINST EXTRADITION WAS EXPECTED IMMINENTLY, AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL SAID. THE ATHENS APPEAL COURT GRANTED THE BULGARIAN EXTRADITION REQUEST OCT 31.

YUSUF BILALOV, SAID NESTANOV AND MUSEYIN NESTANOV ARRIVED IN GREECE WITH THEIR FAMILIES LAST APRIL AND GAVE INTERVIEWS THE FOLLOWING MONTH TO THE TURKISH NEWSPAPER MILLIYET. BULGARIAN AUTHORITIES APPLIED IN SEPTEMBER FOR THEIR EXTRADITION ON CHARGES OF THEFT AND SETTING FIRE TO A CHURCH, AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL SAID.

THE ORGANIZATION WON THE 1977 NOBEL PEACE PRIZE FOR FIGHTING HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES REGARDLESS OF THE REGIME INVOLVED.

IT SAID IT DID NOT HAVE ENOUGH INFORMATION TO REFUTE THE CHARGES AGAINST THE THREE, BUT DID NOT KNOW OF ANY SUBSTANTIVE EVIDENCE FOR THEM. THE CHARGES WERE REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN BROUGHT AFTER THE MEN SPOKE OUT ABOUT THE SITUATION OF THE ETHNIC TURKISH MINORITY IN BULGARIA. THE MAXIMUM PENALTY FOR ARSON IS DEATH, AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL SAID.

IT SAID IT INTERVIEWED THE THREE IN MAY AND FOUND THEIR TESTIMONY CONSISTENT WITH OTHER REPORTS, INCLUDING EYEWITNESS ACCOUNTS, OF ABUSES COMMITTED IN BULGARIA FROM DECEMBER 1984 ONWARD DURING A FORCIBLE CAMPAIGN TO CHANGE TURKISH NAMES.

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BULGARIAN MOSLEMS

SUPREME COURT TO HEAR EXTRADITION APPEAL

ATHENS, GREECE (AP) - GREECE'S SUPREME COURT WILL CONVENE DEC. 3 TO HEAR AN APPEAL OF A LOWER COURT EXTRADITION ORDER BY THREE BULGARIAN MOSLEMS SEEKING POLITICAL ASYLUM, A SUPREME COURT SPOKESMAN SAID THURSDAY.

THE SPOKESMAN, WHO ASKED NOT TO BE NAMED, SAID THE HEARING WAS ORIGINALLY SET FOR NOV. 20, BUT THE PROSECUTOR ASKED FOR MORE TIME TO PREPARE HIS CASE.

THE THREE, IDENTIFIED AS YUSUF BILALOGU AND SAIT MESTANOGLU, BOTH 30, AND MESTANOGLU'S 39-YEAR-OLD BROTHER HUSSEIN, ARE HELD IN ATHENS' KORYDALLOS PRISON PENDING THE HEARING OF THEIR APPEAL. ALL THREE ARE MOSLEMS OF TURKISH ORIGIN.

THEY FLED TO GREECE WITH THEIR WIVES AND SIX CHILDREN LAST APRIL, CROSSING THE BULGARIAN BORDER AND ASKING GREEK AUTHORITIES FOR POLITICAL ASYLUM.

THEIR ASYLUM REQUEST WAS UNDER CONSIDERATION WHEN A COURT LAST MONTH APPROVED A BULGARIAN REQUEST FOR EXTRADITION ON GROUND THEY WERE SOUGHT FOR THEFTS AND FOR BURNING DOWN A CHURCH.

IN INTERVIEWS, HOWEVER, THE DEFECTORS CLAIMED THEY LEFT THEIR COUNTRY TO ESCAPE WHAT THEY CHARGED WAS BULGARIA'S FORCED ASSIMILATION PROGRAM FOR ITS 900,000-STRONG MOSLEM MINORITY.

AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL HAS CALLED ON THE GREEK GOVERNMENT TO BLOCK THE REFUGEES' EXTRADITION.

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TURK-BULGARIA

BULGARIAN CENSUSU CANNOT BE LEGITIMATE OFFICIAL SAYS

ANKARA, TURKEY (AP) - THE NATIONAL CANSUS BULGARIA PLANS TO HOLD NEXT WEEK CANNOT BE LEGITIMATE AS THE TURKISH MONORITY IN THIS WARSAW PACT COUNTRY WILL COUNTED AS BULGARIAN, A FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL SAID FRIDAY.

SPOKESMAN YALIN ERALP TOLD REPORTERS THAT THE BULGARIAN CENSUS IS MORE LIKE AN ILLUSIONIST TRICKE AND CANNOT CONVINCE ANYONE IN THE WORLD.

FOR THE PAST YEAR BULGARIA HAS BEEN CHANGING THE MOSLEM NAMES OF ITS ONE-MILLION-STRONG TURKISH MINORITY INTO SLAVIC ONES. THE NAME CHANGE CAMPAIGN HAS LED TO EXPECTATIONS THAT THESE PEOPLE WILL BE COUNTED AS BULGARIANS IN THE CENSUS.

ERALP SAID SIMILAR METHODS WERE USED BY BULGARIA IN THE PAST TO WIPE OUT ITS MACEDONIAN MINORITY.

ERALP SAID BULGARIANS HAD EVEN CHANGED THE NAMES ON TOMBSTONES. HE SAID TURKEY SUPPORTS THE EFFORTS OF THE AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL ON BEHALF OF THE TURKISH MINORITY IN BULGARIA.

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TURKEY-BULGARIA 1

BULGARIAN SPY SUSPECT ALLOWED TO RETURN HOME

ISTANBUL, TURKEY (AP) - A SUSPECTED BULGARIAN SPY OF TURKISH ORIGIN, WHO HAD BEEN KEPT UNDER SURVEILLANCE IN THE BULGARIAN CONSULATE HERE FOR NEARLY THREE MONTHS, WAS ALLOWED TO RETURN HOME BY TURKISH AUTHORITIES SATURDAY, A BULGARIAN OFFICIAL SAID.

AN OFFICIAL AT THE BULGARIAN CONSULATE, WHO DECLINED TO BE IDENTIFIED, TOLD THE ASSOCIATED PRESS THAT ALI MEHMET YUSUFOV, WHO HAD TAKEN REFUGEE AT THE CONSULATE ON APRIL 3 AFTER HE ESCAPED FROM A REFUGEE CAMP IN ISTANBUL, LEFT THE CONSULATE AT 0530 (0230 GMT) IN A DIPLOMATIC CAR.

HE SAID YUSUFOV HEADED TOWARD THE TURKISH-BULGARIAN BORDER UNDER TURKISH POLICE ESCORT AND THAT THE SPECIAL WATCH AROUND THE CONSULATE WAS LIFTED. HE DECLINED TO ELABORATE.

TURKISH GOVERNMENT AND POLICE OFFICIALS WERE UNAVAILABLE TO COMMENT ON THE RELEASE OF YUSUFOV, WHO HAD CLAIMED AT A PRESS CONFERENCE AT THE BULGARIAN CONSULATE THAT HE HAD BEEN ABDUCTED WHILE ON A TRIP TO AUSTRIA AND BROUGHT TO TURKEY. HE CLAIMED HE HAD BEEN TORTURED.

ISTANBUL GOVERNOR NEVZAT AYAZ HAD SAID HE BELIEVED YUSUFOV WAS A SPY FOR BULGARIA.

EARLIER THIS WEEK, BULGARIA LIFTED THE SURVEILLANCE OF TURKEY'S CONSULATE IN PLOVDIV.

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BULGARIAN TURKS

NEWSPAPER PUBLISHES PROTEST ADRESSED TO TURKISH PREMIER VIENNA, AUSTRIA (AP) - BULGARIA, ALLUDING TO ALLEGATIONS THAT IT MISTREATS ITS TURKISH MINORITY, SAID A GROUP OF PROMINENT BULGARIANS HAVE ASKED TURKISH PREMIER TURGUT OZAL TO END SUCH PERCEIVED INTERFEENCE IN ITS AFFAIRS.

THE OFFICIAL SOFIA PRESS AGENCY SAID THE REQUEST WAS MADE IN AN OPEN LETTER TO OZAL, PUBLISHED IN THE STATE-RUN OTTETCHESTVEN FRONT NEWSPAPER. IT WAS SIGNED BY CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS OF THE RULING COMMUNIST PARTY, MUNICIPAL POLITICIANS, MOSLEM CLERGY AND NATIONALLY KNOWN ARTISTS, SAID THE AGENCY, IN A REPORT RECEIVED HERE MONDAY.

THE SIGNATORIES "PROTEST ENERGETICALLY AGAINST THE ANTI-BULGARIAN CAMPAIGN UNLEASHED IN NEIGHBORING TURKEY AND AGAINST THE INTERFERENCE IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF THEIR HOME COUNTRY," SAID THE AGENCY.

WHILE THEY ARE GENERALLY CONSIDERED TURKS, BULGARIA CONTENDS ITS TURKISH-SPEAKING MINORITY -- ABOUT 8 PERCENT OF THE COUNTRY'S NEARLY NINE MILLION PEOPLE -- CONSISTS OF BULGARIANS WHO ADAPTED TO 500 YEARS OF TURKISH RULE THAT ENDED IN THE 19TH CENTURY.

THERE HAVE BEEN RECURRING REPORTS THAT BULGARIA IS FORCING THEM TO ADAPT SLAVIC NAMES IN AN ASSIMILATION ATTEMPT AND RESISTANCE HAS LEAD TO SPORADIC VIOLENCE AND EVEN DEATHS.

TURKEY HAS PROTESTED. BUT BULGARIA DENIES WRONDOING, SAYING THE NAME CHANGES ARE VOLUNTARY AND SUGGESTS ITS SOUTHERN NEIGHBOR IS ITSELF GUILTY OF SUPRESSING ITS MINORITIES.

"IT IS HARDLY SENSIBLE TO THROW STONES WHEN SITTING IN A GLASS HOUSE," THE AGENCY QUOTED THE LETTER AS SAYING. "WHAT IS THE SITUATION OF THE THOUSANDS OF BULGARIANS LIVING IN TURKEY? WHAT IS THE FATE OF THE ARMENIANS, GREEKS, KURDS, ARABS, SYRIANS, ALBANIANS AND OTHER NATIONALITIES LIVING YOUR COUNTRY?"

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BULGARIAN CENSUS

(WITH BULGARIAN TURKS)

BULGARIA CHARGED WITH ASSIMILATION IN CENSUS

BELGRADE, YUGOSLAVIA (AP) - ACCUSING BULGARIA OF A CAMPAIGN TO ASSIMILATE MINORITIES, THE STATE-RUN NEWS AGENCY TANJUG ALLEGED MONDAY THAT IN A FORTHCOMING CENSUS CITIZENS OF DIFFERENT NATIONALITY WILL NOT HAVE A CHANCE TO "DECLARE THEMSELVES AS NON-BULGARIANS."

THE CENSUS WILL BE CARRIED OUT DEC.4 THROUGH 14.

TANJUG SAID QUESTIONNAIRES NOW BEING DISTRIBUTED IN BULGARIA "CONTAIN NO HEADING FOR NATIONALITY OR MEMBERSHIP OF AN ETHNIC GROUP."

TURKEY HAS CHARGED THAT THE BULGARIAN GOVERNMENT FORCED THE 900,000-STRONG TURKISH MINORITY TO CHANGE THEIR NAMES AMID EFFORTS TO STAMP OUT USE OF THE TURKISH LANGUAGE AND MOSLEM RELIGION.

BULGARIAN OFFICIALS HAVE REPEATEDLY DENIED REPORTS OF REPRESSION AND INSTEAD ACCUSED TURKEY OF HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS.

TANJUG, REFLECTING OFFICIAL YUGOSLAV THINKING, NOTED THAT THE LAST FOUR BULGARIAN CENSUSES SHOWED "HOW DECREES AND OTHER MEASURES BY THE (COMMUNIST) PARTY AND GOVERNMENT" HAVE "SIMPLY DELETED" FROM OFFICIAL LISTS MEMBERS OF OTHER NATIONALITIES, SUCH AS TURKS, MACEDONIANS, ARMENIANS, GYPSIES AND OTHERS.

THE FIRST POSTWAR CENSUS IN 1946 REGISTERED SOME 250,000 MACEDONIANS IN BULGARIA, SAID TANJUG AND ADDED THAT 20 YEARS LATER THEIR NUMBER "FELL DRASTICALLY TO ONLY 7,800."

THIS NONALIGNED COMMUNIST COUNTRY AND ITS SOVIET BLOC NEIGHBOR HAVE LONG BEEN AT ODDS OVER MACEDONIANS, A NATIONALITY SPREAD OVER PARTS OF PRESENT-DAY GREECE, YUGOSLAVIA AND BULGARIA.

BULGARIA REFUSES TO RECOGNIZE MACEDONIANS AS A SEPARATE NATION AND CONSIDERES THEM AS BULGARIANS. MACEDONIA IS THE NAME OF YUGOSLAVIA'S SOUTHERN REPUBLIC. YUGOSLAVIA CONSIDERS THE BULGARIAN POLICY TOWARD THE MACEDONIANS AS A DIRECT CLAIM ON YUGOSLAV TERRITORY.

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BULGARIANS (WITH WIREPHOTO) (RPTING TO FIX GARBLES)
SUPREME COURT DECISION ON EXTRADITION MAY BE POSTPONED
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ATHENS, GREECE (AP) - THE AREOS PAGOS, GREECE'S SUPREME COURT, WAS ASKED TUESDAY TO POSTPONE RULING ON A BULGARIAN DEMAND FOR EXTRADITION OF THREE VILLAGERS WHO FLED TO GREECE AFTER BEING FORCED TO GIVE UP THEIR MUSLIM NAMES AND RELIGION.

PROSECUTOR SPYROS ALEXOPOULOS SAID THE EXTRADITION DEMAND CLAIMING THE THREE MEN FACE CHARGES OF THEFT AND ARSON IN BULGARIA, DID NOT CONTAIN "ENOUGH DETAILS."

"I PROPOSE THE COURT SHOULD DELAY ITS DECISION UNTIL WE HAVE FULL DETAILS IN WRITING FROM THE BULGARIAN AUTHORITIES ON THESE ALLEGED CRIMES," HE SAID.

DIMITRIS STAMATOPOULOS, PRESIDENT OF THE FIVE-MEMBER COURT, SAID HE WOULD ANNOUNCE A RULING ON THE POSTPONEMENT NEXT TUESDAY.

THE THREE BULGARIANS AND THEIR FAMILIES, MEMBERS OF AN ETHNIC TURKISH MINORITY THAT IS BEING FORCIBLY ASSIMILATED UNDER A BULGARIAN GOVERNMENT PROGRAM, WERE GRANTED POLITICAL ASYLUM IN GREECE LAST APRIL.

AN LOWER COURT DECISION LAST MONTH IN FAVOR OF THEIR EXTRADITION PROVOKED AN INTERNATIONAL OUTCRY.

"WE WERE THE FIRST MUSLIMS TO ESCAPE TO THE WEST AND TELL PEOPLE WHAT WAS GOING ON. IF WE'D 143 3,5 ?-:(, IT'S CERTAIN DEATH," SAID MESTANOGLU, 30, SAID THROUGH AN INTERPRETER.

MESTANOGLU, A TRUCK DRIVER, HIS BROTHER HUSSEIN, 39 AND YUSUF BILALOGLOU, 30, BOTH CONSTRUCTION WORKERS, ARE ACCUSED OF BURNING A GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH AND CARRYING OUT "SCORES OF THEFTS OF STATE PROPERTY" NEAR THEIR VILLAGE OF KOCADERE IN SOUTHERN BULGARIA.

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ATHENS - BULGARIANS

THEIR LAWYER TOLD THE COURT THE CHARGES WERE "OBVIOUSLY FALSE".

"THE BULGARIANS WANT TO GET THEM BACK AND MAKE AN EXAMPLE OF THEM. THE EXTRADITION DEMAND CLEARLY HAD A POLITICAL MOTIVE," THE LAWYER, ANTONIS DROSSOPOULOS SAID.

THE DEMAND CAME AFTER INTERVIEWS WITH THE VILLAGERS APPEARED IN GREEK AND FOREIGN NEWSPAPERS DESCRIBING HOW THEIR LOCAL MOSQUE WAS CLOSED LAST YEAR, MUSLIM CLERGYMEN WERE ARRESTED, PRAYER WAS FORBIDDEN AND THEIR NAMES WERE CHANGED.

THE THREE BULGARIANS ESCAPED WITH THEIR WIVES AND CHILDREN BY DIGGING THEIR WAY UNDER THE BORDER FENCE INTO NORTHERN GREECE.

THE 12-MEMBER GROUP, WHICH INCLUDES TWO SEVEN-YEAR-OLD BOYS, HAS BEEN LIVING AT A UNITED NATIONS RECEPTION CENTER AT LAURION NEAR ATHENS.

THEIR APPLICATION TO SETTLE PERMANENTLY IN TURKEY ALREADY HAS BEEN ACCEPTED, A SPOKESMAN FOR U.N. HIGH COMMISSION FOR REFUGEES HERE SAID.

BULGARIA DENIES CHARGES THAT ITS 800,000-STRONG ETHNIC TURKISH MINORITY, LIVING MOSTLY IN THE SOUTH AND EAST OF THE COUNTRY, IS BEING MISTREATED.

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BULGARIANS (WITH WIREPHOTO)

GREEK SUPREME COURT REJECTS EXTRADITION REQUEST

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TURKEY-BULGARIANS

WITH BULGARIANS

TURKEY EXPRESSES SATISFACTION OVER GREEK DECISION

ANKARA, TURKEY (AP) - TURKEY EXPRESSED SATISFACTION TUESDAY OVER THE GREEK SUPREME COURT DECISION REJECTING A BULGARIAN EXTRADITION DEMAND FOR THREE ETHNIC TURKS WHO FLED FROM BULGARIA.

THE THREE SAID THEY FLED TO GREECE AFTER BEING FORCED TO CHANGE THEIR MOSLEM NAMES.

YALIM ERALP, FOREIGN MINISTRY SPOKESMAN, SAID THAT TURKEY WAS READY TO WELCOME THE ETHNIC TURKS AND THEIR FAMILIES.

TURKEY HAS CHARGED THAT BULGARIA HAS BEEN RUNNING A FORCED ASSIMILATION CAMPAIGN, CHANGING THE MOSLEM NAMES OF MEMBERS OF ITS TURKISH MINORITY INTO SLAVIC ONES.

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ISTANBUL - BULGARIAN-ASYLUM 2

THERE HAVE BEEN RECURRING MEDIA REPORTS THAT BULGARIA IS FORCING ITS 900,000-STRONG TURKISH MINORITY TO ADAPT SLAVIC NAMES AND THAT RESISTANCE HAS LED TO SPORADIC VIOLENCE AND EVEN DEATHS.

BUT BULGARIA DENIES WRONGDOING, SAYING THE NAME CHANGES ARE VOLUNTARY.

ACCORDING TO AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL, A LONDON-BASED HUMAN RIGHTS GROUP, MORE THAN 100 BULGARIANS HAVE BEEN KILLED OR IMPRISONED IN THE PAST YEAR WHILE RESISTING THE REPORTED ASSIMILATION PROGRAM.

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BULGARIAN-ASYLUM

BULGARIAN SEEKS POLITICAL ASYLUM AT MOSCOW EMBASSY

ISTANBUL, TURKEY (AP) - A BULGARIAN OF TURKISH ORIGIN HAS BEEN HARBORED AT TURKEY'S EMBASSY IN THE SOVIET UNION FOR NEARLY NINE MONTHS AND TURKISH OFFICIALS ARE WORKING FOR HIS RELEASE, A NEWSPAPER REPORTED SUNDAY.

THE DAILY MILLIYET QUOTED TURKISH FOREIGN MINISTRY SPOKESMAN YALIM ERALP AS CONFIRMING THE REQUEST FOR POLITICAL ASYLUM BY MUSTAFA SULEYMANOV, WHO FLED TO THE TURKISH EMBASSY IN MOSCOW WHILE VISITING THE SOVIET UNION WITH OTHER BULGARIAN JOURNALISTS IN APRIL.

"WE ARE IN CONTACT WITH THE RUSSIAN AUTHORITIES TO BRING SULEYMANOV TO TURKEY," ERALP SAID.

A DISPATCH FROM MILLIYET'S MOSCOW CORRESPONDENT DESCRIBED SULEYMANOV AS A JOURNALIST FROM THE VILLAGE OF YABLANOV WHO WORKED FOR A NEWSPAPER PUBLISHED IN BOTH TURKISH AND BULGARIAN.

THE DISPATCH, ACCOMPANIED BY PHOTOS OF SULEYMANOV IN HIS 15-SQUARE-METER (YARD) ROOM AT THE EMBASSY, QUOTED HIM AS SAYING HIS NAME WAS CHANGED TO THE BULGARIAN "KEHANOVA" AS PART OF AN ALLEGED ASSIMILATION CAMPAIGN BY BULGARIAN AUTHORITIES.

"WE WERE UNDER GREAT OPPRESSION BY THE BULGARIAN AUTHORITIES SINCE THE BEGINNING OF LAST YEAR," SULEYMANOV WAS QUOTED AS TELLING MILLIYET'S MOSCOW CORRESPONDENT. "AFTER ALL MEMBERS OF MY FAMILY DISAPPEARED IN A VERY SHORT TIME, I BEGAN LOOKING FOR AN OPPORTUNITY TO FLEE BULGARIA."

THREE OTHER BULGARIANS OF TURKISH ORIGIN FLED TO GREECE WITH THEIR FAMILIES IN APRIL AFTER ALLEGEDLY BEING FORCED TO GIVE UP THEIR MOSLEM NAMES AND RELIGION. THEY HAVE BEEN GRANTED POLITICAL ASYLUM.

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SAID MESTANOGLU, 30, A DRIVER, HIS BROTHER MUSEYIN, 39, AND YUSUF BILALOGLU, 30, BOTH CONSTRUCTION WORKERS, SAID THEY ESCAPED TO GREECE FROM BULGARIA WITH THEIR WIVES AND SIX CHILDREN BY DIGGING THEIR WAY UNDER A BORDER FENCE.

'WE ESCAPED TO GREECE BY CROSSING THE BORDER AT NIGHT IN RAIN,' BILALOGLU TOLD AIRPORT REPORTERS.

THE AREOS PAGOS REJECTED A BULGARIAN DEMAND FOR THEIR EXTRADITION TO FACE CHARGES OF THEFT AND SETTING AFIRE A GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH NEAR THEIR VILLAGE OF KOCADERE IN SOUTHERN BULGARIA, THE GREEK MEDIA REPORTED.

IN ISTANBUL ON FRIDAY, THE ESCAPEES SAID THEY WERE VERY HAPPY TO BE IN TURKEY, WHERE THEY HAVE RELATIVES WHO EMIGRATED FROM BULGARIA PREVIOUSLY.

THEY SAID THEY PLANNED TO SETTLE IN THE NORTHWESTERN PROVINCE OF BURSA WHERE THEIR RELATIVES LIVE.

ACCORDING TO AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL, A LONDON-BASED HUMAN RIGHTS GROUP, MORE THAN 100 MOSLEM BULGARIANS OF TURKISH ORIGIN HAVE BEEN KILLED OR IMPRISONED IN THE PAST YEAR WHILE RESISTING A FORCED ASSIMILATION PROGRAM.

BILALOGLU TOLD REPORTERS THAT THOSE WHO RESISTED NAME CHANGES FROM MOSLEM TURKISH TO CHRISTIAN BULGARIAN WERE 'TORTURED, KILLED OR SENT INTO EXILE IN BELENE ISLAND' IN THE DANUBE RIVER.

BULGARIA, WHICH HAS A POPULATION OF 10 MILLION, INCLUDING 900,000 ETHNIC MOSLEM TURKS, CLAIMS THE NAME CHANGES HAVE BEEN VOLUNTARY AND THAT NO FORCE HAS BEEN USED.

TURKEY HAS BORDERS WITH BULGARIA AND GREECE.

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.TURKS-BULGARIANS, 0244

BULGARIAN FAMILIES OF TURKISH ORIGIN ARRIVE IN TURKEY
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ISTANBUL, TURKEY (AP) - THREE BULGARIAN FAMILIES OF MOSLEM
TURKISH DESCENT WHO SAID THEY FLED TO GREECE LAST APRIL AFTER BEING
FORCED TO ADOPT SLAVIC NAMES, ARRIVED IN ISTANBUL TO AN EMOTIONAL
WELCOME FRIDAY.

THE GROUP OF 12 FLEW IN FROM ATHENS, GREECE, ON A TURKISH
AIRLINES PLANE ESPECIALLY SENT FOR THEM BY THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT.

THEY KISSED THE GROUND UPON ARRIVAL AT ATATURK INTERNATIONAL
AIRPORT AND WERE MET BY A LARGE CROWD INCLUDING A CABINET MINISTER
AND RELATIVES.

THEIR REUNION WITH RELATIVES WAS MADE POSSIBLE AFTER THE AREOS
PAGOS, GREECE'S SUPREME COURT, LAST WEEK REJECTED A BULGARIAN
DEMAND FOR THEIR EXTRADITION.

STATE MINISTER MESUT YILMAZ, WHO OFFICIALLY WELCOMED THE THREE
FAMILIES, EXPRESSED GRATITUDE AT THE VERDICT OF THE GREEK COURT AND
SAID: "WE BELIEVE THAT THIS DECISION IS A NEW EVIDENCE OF THE
BULGARIAN OPPRESSION BEFORE THE WORLD PUBLIC OPINION."

THE GREEK SUPREME COURT HAD OVERTURNED AN EARLIER COURT DECISION
IN FAVOR OF EXTRADITING THE THREE FAMILIES, WHO BELONGED TO AN
ETHNIC MINORITY IN BULGARIA.

THE FAMILIES SAID THEY ESCAPED TO GREECE LAST APRIL WHERE THEY
WERE GRANTED POLITICAL ASYLUM.

BULGARIA DEMANDED THEIR EXTRADITION AFTER INTERVIEWS APPEARED IN
THE WESTERN MEDIA QUOTING THE ESCAPEES AS SAYING THE BULGARIANS HAD
UNDERTAKEN AN OFFICIAL CAMPAIGN TO FORCIBLY ASSIMILATE THE MOSLEM
TURKISH MINORITY.

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BULGARIA-U.S.

U.S. EMBASSY IN SOFIA BARRICADED

SOFIA, BULGARIA (AP) - BULGARIAN OFFICIALS ERECTED BARRICADES IN FRONT OF THE U.S. EMBASSY SAYING THEY RECEIVED A THREAT FROM A SHADY ISLAMIC TERRORIST GROUP AGAINST AMERICAN INSTALLATIONS IN EASTERN EUROPE.

HOWEVER, U.S. OFFICIALS SAID SATURDAY THEY BELIEVED THE MOVE WAS AIMED AT PREVENTING BULGARIANS FROM ENTERING THE EMBASSY LIBRARY RATHER THAN PROTECTING THE BUILDING IN DOWNTOWN SOFIA.

THE OFFICIALS, WHO SPOKE ON CONDITION THEY NOT BE IDENTIFIED, SAID THE METAL CROWD CONTROL BARRICADES WERE PUT UP SHORTLY AFTER THANKSGIVING. THEY SAID BULGARIAN OFFICIALS WARNED THEM THAT A THREAT HAD BEEN RECEIVED FROM ISLAMIC JIHAD AGAINST AMERICAN BUILDINGS IN THE EASTERN BLOC.

HOWEVER, THEY SAID THEY WERE UNAWARE OF ANY OTHER U.S. EMBASSIES IN EASTERN EUROPE BEING PUT UNDER THE SAME PROTECTION.

ONE EMBASSY OFFICIAL SAID THE BULGARIANS HAVE PUT UP THE BARRICADES AND INSTALLED GUARDS BEFORE, AND THEN REMOVED THEM WITHOUT WARNING OR EXPLANATION.

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TURKEY-BULGARIA

REPORT SAYS ZHIVKOV OFFERS TO MEET EVREN

ANKARA, TURKEY (AP) - BULGARIAN PRESIDENT TODOR ZHIVKOV HAS PROPOSED A MEETING WITH PRESIDENT KENAN EVREN AT A LOCATION ON THE BORDER OF THE TWO COUNTRIES FOR TALKS AIMED AT RESOLVING MUTUAL PROBLEMS, A TURKISH PAPER REPORTED TUESDAY.

INDEPENDENT ISTANBUL DAILY GUNES REPORTED THAT THE OFFER CAME AS A RESULT OF ROMANIAN LEADER NICOLAE CEAUDESCU'S MEDIATION EFFORTS AND WAS RELAYED TO EVREN BY CEAUDESCU'S SPECIAL ENVOY AUREL DUMA WHO VISITED TURKEY LAST WEEK.

RELATIONS BETWEEN WARSAW PACT COUNTRY BULGARIA AND NATO-MEMBER TURKEY BECAME SERIOUSLY STRAINED IN THE PAST TWO YEARS FOLLOWING A BULGARIAN CAMPAIGN TO FORCE ASSIMILATION OF THE TURKISH MINORITY IN THAT COUNTRY BY CHANGING THEIR MOSLEM NAMES INTO SLAVIC ONES.

REPORTEDLY, SEVERAL HUNDRED BULGARIAN TURKS WERE KILLED WHILE RESISTING NAME CHANGES. TURKS CONSTITUTE THE LARGEST MINORITY IN BULGARIA WITH AN ESTIMATED POPULATION OF 1 MILLION.

GUNES SAID EVREN WAS STUDYING ZHIVKOV'S PROPOSAL.

FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIALS DECLINED TO COMMENT ON THE REPORT. BUT DIPLOMATIC SOURCES WHO INSISTED ON ANONYMITY CONFIRMED THE OFFER.

SINCE THE EMERGENCE OF THE FORCED ASSIMILATION PROBLEM, TURKEY HAS SENT FOUR NOTES TO BULGARIA DEMANDING A HALT TO NAME CHANGES AND BILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS TO RESOLVE THE CONFLICT.

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TURKEY ALSO OFFERED TO RECEIVE A LARGE NUMBER OF BULGARIAN TURKS AS IMMIGRANTS TO THIS COUNTRY.

TWO OF THE NOTES WERE NOT ANSWERED. BULGARIA, IN ITS RESPONSE TO THE OTHER NOTES, CLAIMED THE NAME CHANGES WERE VOLUNTARY.

THE GUNES REPORT WAS PUBLISHED AS TURKEY PLANNED TO RAISE THE QUESTION OF THE BULGARIAN TURKS AT THE CURRENT FOREIGN MINISTERS MEETING, AT FEZ, MOROCCO, OF THE 45-NATION ISLAMIC CONFERENCE ORGANIZATION.

EVREN AND ZHIVKOV EXCHANGED VISITS TO EACH OTHER'S COUNTRY IN 1982 AND 1983, FOREIGN MINISTRY SOURCES SAID.

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TURKEY-BULGARIA

TURKEY SAYS BULGARIAN CENSUS WAS INVALID

ANKARA, TURKEY (AP) - TURKEY ON WEDNESDAY CRITICIZED THE RESULTS OF BULGARIA'S NATIONAL CENSUS BECAUSE THE TURKISH MINORITY WAS NOT CITED IN THE RESULTS.

THE FOREIGN MINISTRY SAID THAT THE CENSUS, TAKEN IN DECEMBER, DID NOT MENTION THAT THERE WERE 1.5 MILLION TURKISH-MINORITY RESIDENTS AMONG BULGARIA'S POPULATION OF 9 MILLION.

THE MINISTRY STATEMENT REITERATED TURKEY'S CHARGES THAT BULGARIA HAS FORCED THE MINORITY TO CHANGE THEIR MOSLEM NAMES TO SLAVIC ONES.

TURKISH PRESS REPORTS HAVE CLAIMED THAT BULGARIAN FORCES HAVE KILLED MEMBERS OF THE TURKISH MINORITY WHEN THEY RESISTED THE NAME CHANGES. THEY PUT THE DEATH TOLL IN THE SOVIET-BLAC COUNTRY AT 40 TO 800.

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BTA SAID "THE PERSONS WHO HAVE BEEN KILLED ACCORDING TO THE TURKISH PRESS HAVE WRITTEN TO BULGARIAN NEWSPAPERS, ASKING WHAT THE WHOLE THING WAS ABOUT.

"WHAT ARE TURKEY'S DEMANDS? IT MAY BE THAT ANKARA WANTS US TO ARTIFICIALLY CREATE A MINORITY SUBSERVIENT TO TURKEY. THIS WE CANNOT DO," THE BULGARIAN STATEMENT SAID.

IN THREE VILLAGES WITH LARGE TURKISH POPULATIONS IN THE MOUNTAINOUS SOUTHEAST CORNER OF BULGARIA, SEVERAL RESIDENTS TOLD AN ASSOCIATED PRESS REPORTER LAST OCTOBER THAT THE ARMY AND POLICE HAD BEATEN AND TORTURED ETHNIC TURKS EARLIER IN 1985 TO FORCE THEM TO TAKE BULGARIAN NAMES.

"IT IS ALSO UNTRUE THAT THERE ARE ZONES IN BULGARIA, WHICH FOREIGNERS ARE NOT ALLOWED TO VISIT," SAID BTA.

"ABOUT 6,000 FOREIGN JOURNALISTS VISIT BULGARIA EVERY YEAR, NOT TO MENTION THE 6 MILLION FOREIGN TOURISTS WHO TRAVEL IN ALL PARTS OF THE COUNTRY EVERY YEAR.

"HOW DID IT HAPPEN THAT NO ONE NOTICED ANYTHING THAT COULD BACK THE TURKISH FABRICATIONS? BTA COMMENTED. IT SAID AREAS ALLEGEDLY CLOSED TO FOREIGNERS WERE ALSO VISITED BY "THE FOREIGN AMBASSADORS ACCREDITED IN SOFIA."

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BULGARIA-TURKEY

REJECTS CHARGES OF FORCED ASSIMILATION, REPRESSION

VIENNA, AUSTRIA (AP) - COMMUNIST BULGARIA WEDNESDAY AGAIN REJECTED AS SLANDERS TURKISH GOVERNMENT CHARGES THAT MEMBERS OF THE TURKISH MINORITY WERE BEING SUPPRESSED AND HAD BEEN FORCED TO CHANGE THEIR NAMES INTO SLAVIC ONES.

A STATEMENT ISSUED BY THE STATE-RUN BTA NEWS AGENCY SAID THE ALLEGED SLANDERS WERE BEING USED BY THE ANKARA GOVERNMENT "IN AN ATTEMPT TO TURN THE WORLD PUBLIC OPINION AGAINST BULGARIA.

"THE ALLEGATIONS ARE ABSOLUTELY UNBELIEVABLE: THERE ARE ALLEGEDLY REPRESSION AND PERSECUTION OF MINORITIES IN THIS COUNTRY," THE OFFICIAL STATEMENT SAID, ADDING "NO MOSQUES HAVE BEEN DESTROYED, THERE ARE NO CASUALTIES, NO VIOLENCE IS DIRECTED AGAINST THE COUNTRY'S SMALL MINORITIES."

BTA DENOUNCED A DECLARATION OF THE TURKISH FOREIGN MINISTRY BUT DID NOT GIVE ITS DATE. IN A STATEMENT PUBLISHED JAN. 16 THE MINISTRY CRITICIZED THE RESULTS OF A BULGARIAN NATIONAL CENSUS BECAUSE THE TURKISH MINORITY, EARLIER ESTIMATED AT 900,000, WAS LEFT UNMENTIONED.

AS THE 1975 CENSUS, THE ONE CONDUCTED DEC.4-14, 1985 WAS BASED ON QUESTIONNAIRES WHICH DID NOT PROVIDE FOR CITIZENS TO PROFESS MEMBERSHIP IN THE TURKISH, MACEDONIAN OR OTHER MINORITIES LIVING IN BULGARIA, DIPLOMATIC AND NEWSPAPER REPORTS SAID.

LAST MONTH'S TURKISH STATEMENT ALSO REITERATED CHARGES THAT THE BULGARIAN GOVERNMENT HAD FORCED ETHNIC TURKS TO CHANGES THEIR MOSLEM NAMES.

ACCORDING TO AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL, THE LONDON-BASED HUMAN RIGHTS GROUP, MORE THAN 100 MOSLEM BULGARIANS OF TURKISH ORIGIN HAVE BEEN KILLED OR IMPRISONED FOR RESISTING THE FORCED ASSIMILATION PROGRAM.

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TURKEY-BULGARIA

PROTESTORS LAY WREATH AT BULGARIAN EMBASSY

ANKARA, TURKEY (AP) - A GROUP OF TURKISH IMMIGRANTS FROM BULGARIA ON SUNDAY LAID A WREATH DRAPED IN BLACK AT THE GATE OF THE BULGARIAN EMBASSY TO PROTEST ALLEGED HARASSMENT OF ETHNIC TURKS IN THE WARSAW-PACT COUNTRY; THE SEMI-OFFICIAL ANATOLIA NEWS AGENCY REPORTED.

A BANNER ON THE WREATH, LAID BY THE EXECUTIVES OF THE ASSOCIATION OF BULGARIAN TURKS, READ "DAMN THE MASSACRE," THE AGENCY SAID.

RELATIONS BETWEEN TURKEY AND NEIGHBORING BULGARIA HAVE BEEN SERIOUSLY STRAINED IN THE PAST TWO YEARS OVER AN ALLEGED CAMPAIGN TO FORCE ASSIMILATION OF THE TURKISH MINORITY IN BULGARIA BY CHANGING THEIR MOSLEM NAMES INTO SLAVIC ONES.

CHAIRMAN ISMAIL AGLAGUL ATTACHED A FLYER TO THE WREATH CALLING FOR AN END TO THE CAMPAIGN.

REPORTEDLY, MORE THAN 100 BULGARIAN TURKS HAVE BEEN KILLED RESISTING NAME CHANGES.

SINCE THE EMERGENCE OF THE FORCED ASSIMILATION PROBLEM, TURKEY HAS FORMALLY PROTESTED TO BULGARIA FOUR TIMES, DEMANDING A HALT TO NAME CHANGES AND BILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS TO RESOLVE THE CONFLICT.

TURKEY HAS ALSO SAID IT WILL ACCEPT A LARGE NUMBER OF BULGARIAN TURKS AS IMMIGRANTS.

BULGARIA HAS DENIED ANY WRONGDOING AND CLAIMED THE NAME CHANGES WERE VOLUNTARY.

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RUV THE FOREIGN MINISTRY ACCUSED THE STATE-RUN
BTA NEWS AGENCY OF BULGARIA OF 'LYING UNASHAMEDLY' ON THE ISSUE.
THE STATEMENT WAS IN RESPONSE TO A FEB. 26 BTA REPORT THAT ONCE
AGAIN REJECTED AS SLANDER THE TURKISH CHARGE THAT THE MOSLEM NAMES
OF AN ESTIMATED 1 MILLION TURKS IN THE COMMUNIST NATION HAD BEEN
CHANGED TO CHRISTIAN-SLAVIC NAMES.

ACCORDING TO AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL, THE LONDON-BASED HUMAN
RIGHTS GROUP, MORE THAN 100 TURKISH BULGARIANS WERE KILLED OR
IMPRISONED FOR RESISTING THE ASSIMILATION PROGRAM.

BTA CLAIMED THAT THERE WERE NO ZONES CLOSED TO FOREIGNERS IN
BULGARIA. THE AGENCY SAID 6,000 JOURNALISTS AND 6 MILLION FOREIGN
TOURISTS VISIT THE COUNTRY EVERY YEAR.

THE FOREIGN MINISTRY STATEMENT SAID 2 MILLION TURKISH WORKERS
WHO TRANSIT BULGARIA YEARLY UNDER DIFFICULT CONDITIONS WERE
INCLUDED AMONG THE FOREIGN TOURISTS. IT SAID THESE TURKS ARE
ALLOWED TO TRAVEL ONLY ON DESIGNATED ROADS.

THE STATEMENT SAID SEVEN TURKISH JOURNALISTS WERE DENIED
PERMISSION TO ENTER THE MAJORITY TURKISH AREAS IN SOUTHEAST
BULGARIA. IT SAID SOME OF THESE JOURNALISTS WERE TAKEN INTO CUSTODY
AND HARASSED.

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TURKEY-BULGARIA

TURKEY DEMANDS FREE ACCESS FOR JOURNALISTS

ANKARA , TURKEY (AP)- TURKEY DEMANDED ON THURSDAY FREE ACCESS FOR TURKISH AND FOREIGN JOURNALISTS TO AREAS OF COMMUNIST BULGARIA WHERE MINORITY TURKS WERE ALLEGEDLY FORCED TO CHANGE THEIR NAMES UNDER A REPRESSIVE ASSIMILATION CAMPAIGN.

A STATEMENT ISSUED BY THE FOREIGN MINISTRY ACCUSED THE STATE-RUN BTA NEWS AGENCY OF BULGARIA OF +LYING UNASHAMEDLY+ ON THE ISSUE.

THE STATEMENT HAD AN EFFECTIVE

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IN THREE VILLAGES WITH LARGE TURKISH POPULATIONS IN THE SOUTHEASTERN BULGARIA, SEVERAL RESIDENTS TOLD AN ASSOCIATED PRESS REPORTER LAST OCTOBER THAT ARMY AND POLICE HAD BEATEN AND TORTURED ETHNIC TURKS IN EARLY 1985.

TURKEY REPEATEDLY HAS PROPOSED THAT THE TWO COUNTRIES NEGOTIATE A SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM. IT ALSO OFFERED TO ACCEPT MASS EMIGRATION OF THE BULGARIAN TURKS.

TURKEY HAS REJECTED A RECENT OFFER BY BULGARIAN PRESIDENT TODOR ZHIVKOV TO MEET WITH PRESIDENT KENAN EVREN AT A LOCATION ON THE JOINT BORDER OF THE TWO COUNTRIES. TURKISH OFFICIALS SAID THE OFFER DID NOT INCLUDE A DISCUSSION OF THE TURKISH MINORITY PROBLEM.

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.PAKISTAN-BULGARIAN TURKS,0111

OIC TO LOOK INTO FLIGHT OF BULGARIAN TURKS

ISLAMABAD, PAKISTAN (AP) - THE ORGANIZATION OF ISLAMIC CONFERENCE HAS SET UP A COMMITTEE TO LOOK INTO THE PROBLEMS FACED BY THE TURKISH MOSLEM MINORITY IN BULGARIA, AN OFFICIAL OF THE ORGANIZATION SAID THURSDAY.

OIC SECRETARY GENERAL SHARIFUDDIN PIRZADA TOLD REPORTERS THAT THE THREE-MEMBER COMMITTEE WOULD INVESTIGATE CHARGES THAT THE BULGARIAN GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN ATTEMPTING TO FORCIBLY ASSIMILATE THE COUNTRY'S TURKISH MOSLEM MINORITY. MINORITY LEADERS HAVE ACCUSED THE COMMUNIST GOVERNMENT OF USING VIOLENT AND REPRESSIVE TACTICS.

THE OIC GROUPS 40 ISLAMIC NATIONS AND SERVES AS AN INTERNATIONAL FORUM FOR ISLAMIC INTERESTS.

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ANTONOV - ARRIVAL

ACQUITTED BULGARIAN ARRIVES HOME

VIENNA, AUSTRIA (AP) - BULGARIA'S SERGEI IVANOV ANTONOV ARRIVED HOME LATE TUESDAY, THREE DAYS AFTER HE WAS ACQUITTED OF COMPLICITY IN THE 1981 SHOOTING OF POPE JOHN PAUL II, BULGARIA'S OFFICIAL BTA NEWS AGENCY REPORTED.

THE ONE-PARAGRAPH DISPATCH, RECEIVED IN VIENNA WEDNESDAY, DID NOT GO BEYOND ANNOUNCING ANTONOV'S ARRIVAL.

ANTONOV, A FORMER ROME STATION CHIEF OF BALKAN AIR, BULGARIA'S STATE AIRLINE, LEFT ITALY FOR DUBROVNIK AND BELGRADE ON A YUGOSLAV AIR FLIGHT TUESDAY AND APPARENTLY CAUGHT A CONNECTING FLIGHT TO SOFIA IN YUGOSLAVIA.

ANTONOV, TWO OTHER BULGARIANS AND THREE TURKS WERE ACQUITTED SATURDAY DUE TO INSUFFICIENT EVIDENCE. ANTONOV'S FELLOW BULGARIAN DEFENDANTS HAD BEEN TRIED IN ABSENTIA.

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SOFIA - BULGARIA-TURKISH 3

TRAIKOV SAID DOCTORS DETERMINED ANTONOV WAS "'NOT FIT"' TO GIVE A NEWS CONFERENCE AFTER HIS LENGTHY IMPRISONMENT IN ITALY. ANTONOV, 37, THE FORMER ROME STATION MANAGER OF THE BULGARIAN STATE AIRLINE, BALKAN AIR, WAS ARRESTED IN 1982.

BTA QUOTED ANTONOV AS TELLING FAMILY MEMBERS AND SUPPORTERS AT THE AIRPORT IN SOFIA THAT "'THE TRUTH OF MY INNOCENCE HAS TRIUMPHED.'"

"'I AM VERY GLAD TO BE BACK IN THE MOTHERLAND, TO REJOIN MY FAMILY, MY FRIENDS AND ALL THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN WAITING FOR ME HERE SO LONG,' ANTONOV WAS QUOTED AS SAYING.

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QUOTING EYE-WITNESSES, THE REPORT SAID THAT DURING THE CAMPAIGN TROOPS SURROUNDED VILLAGES IN SOUTHERN BULGARIA NEAR THE BORDER WITH TURKEY, WHERE MOST ETHNIC TURKS LIVE. IT SAID IT HAD THE NAMES OF MORE THAN 100 PEOPLE ALLEGEDLY KILLED BY TROOPS AND THAT HUNDREDS OF OTHERS HAD BEEN ARRESTED OR FORCIBLY RESETTLED.

'CLASHES IN BULGARIA OF THIS NATURE HAVE NEVER EXISTED,' TRAIKOV SAID.

HE SAID MANY BULGARIANS WERE CHANGING THEIR IDENTITIES VOLUNTARILY AS PART OF A 'REVIVAL PROCESS', IN WHICH GROUPS FORCED TO ADOPT TURKISH NAMES AND THE ISLAMIC FAITH WHILE THE COUNTRY WAS UNDER OTTOMAN RULE, WERE REDISCOVERING THEIR BULGARIAN NATIONALITY. HE BLAMED THE AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL CHARGES ON 'PROPAGANDA' AND 'SLANDERS' ISSUED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF TURKEY.

ON ANOTHER ISSUE, TRAIKOV SAID, SERGEI I. ANTONOV, THE BULGARIAN ACQUITTED IN ROME SATURDAY OF CHARGES OF COMPLICITY IN THE 1981 SHOOTING OF THE POPE, WOULD NOT GIVE A NEWS CONFERENCE FOR REPORTERS ASSEMBLED IN SOFIA FOR THE COMMUNIST PARTY CONGRESS THAT OPENED WEDNESDAY.

ANTONOV ARRIVED IN SOFIA LATE TUESDAY AFTER AN ITALIAN MAGISTRATE RULED HE WAS FREE TO LEAVE ITALY.

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BULGARIA-TURKISH

BULGARIAN DENIES CHARGES OF CAMPAIGN AGAINST ETHNIC
TURKS

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SOFIA, BULGARIA (AP) - A BULGARIAN OFFICIAL WEDNESDAY
DENIED CHARGES BY AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL THAT ETHNIC TURKS
IN BULGARIA HAVE BEEN KILLED, ARRESTED OR FORCIBLY
RESETTLED IN A CAMPAIGN BY THE COMMUNIST GOVERNMENT TO
STAMP OUT THEIR MOSLEM IDENTITIES.

IN A REPORT RELEASED EARLIER IN THE DAY, THE
LONDON-BASED HUMAN RIGHTS ORGANIZATION SAID AT LEAST 100
ETHNIC TURKS WERE KILLED DURING THE FOUR-MONTH ASSIMILATION
CAMPAIGN FROM DECEMBER 1984 TO MARCH 1985.

BOIAN TRAIKOV, DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF THE OFFICIAL BTA
NEWS AGENCY, TOLD A NEWS CONFERENCE THAT NO SUCH CAMPAIGN
HAD OCCURRED.

ASKED TO COMMENT ON THE AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL REPORT,
TRAIKOV SAID, "I DO NOT TRUST THIS ORGANIZATION, BECAUSE
EVERYTHING THIS ORGANIZATION SAID ABOUT OUR COUNTRY IS NOT
TRUE. THERE HAS BEEN NO PROCESS OF THE NATURE YOU HAVE
MENTIONED IN BULGARIA."

BULGARIAN OFFICIALS HAVE REPEATEDLY DENIED REPORTS OF
REPRESSION OF ETHNIC TURKS, WHO MAKE UP THE COUNTRY'S
LARGEST MINORITY, ESTIMATED TO NUMBER 900,000, OR 10
PERCENT OF THE POPULATION. FIVE CENTURIES OF TURKISH RULE
OVER BULGARIA ENDED IN THE 19TH CENTURY.

THE AMNESTY REPORT SAID THE BULGARIAN AUTHORITIES SAW
ADHERENCE TO THE ISLAMIC FAITH BY ETHNIC TURKS AS A "KEY
FACTOR INHIBITING LOYALTY TO THE COMMUNIST GOVERNMENT."

THE SOFIA GOVERNMENT ALSO IS KNOWN TO BE CONCERNED
ABOUT A DECLINING BIRTH RATE OF BULGARIANS AND A
CORRESPONDING INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF BIRTHS OF ETHNIC
TURKS.

THE AMNESTY REPORT SAID BULGARIAN AUTHORITIES HAD
FORCED THE TURKISH MINORITY TO CHANGE THEIR NAMES, BANNED
TURKISH LANGUAGE INSTRUCTION IN SCHOOLS AND PROHIBITED THE
SPEAKING OF TURKISH IN PUBLIC.

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KARDZALI - BULGARIA-TURKS 4,0208

DURING A CONVERSATION WITH ONE MAN AT HIS HOME, HIS WIFE PACED NERVOUSLY IN THE LIVING ROOM, REPEATEDLY LOOKING OUT THE WINDOW. WITHIN 10 MINUTES, THREE PLAINCLOTHES OFFICERS ENTERED THE HOUSE AND TOLD THE REPORTERS TO LEAVE.

THE REASONS FOR THE GOVERNMENT'S CRACKDOWN ON THE ETHNIC TURKS ARE NOT ENTIRELY CLEAR, ALTHOUGH IT APPEARS TO BE MOTIVATED BY A MIX OF BULGARIAN NATIONALISM AND POLITICAL EXPEDIENCY.

THE AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL REPORT SAID BULGARIAN AUTHORITIES BELIEVED SUPPORT FOR THE ISLAMIC FAITH INHIBITED LOYALTY TO THE COMMUNIST GOVERNMENT. THE GOVERNMENT ALSO IS KNOWN TO BE CONCERNED ABOUT A DECLINING BIRTHRATE OF BULGARIANS AND A CORRESPONDING INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF BIRTHS OF ETHNIC TURKS.

TRAIKOV OF THE BTA NEWS AGENCY SAID MANY PEOPLE WITH TURKISH NAMES HAD VOLUNTARILY ADOPTED BULGARIAN NAMES AS PART OF A "REVIVAL PROCESS" IN WHICH GROUPS HE SAID HAD BEEN FORCED TO ADOPT TURKISH NAMES AND THE ISLAMIC FAITH WHILE THE COUNTRY WAS UNDER OTTOMAN RULE WERE REDISCOVERING THEIR BULGARIAN NATIONALITY.

THE ASSIMILATION CAMPAIGN PEAKED A YEAR AGO WHEN ALL ETHNIC TURKS WERE FORCED TO ADOPT BULGARIAN NAMES IN TIME FOR COMPLETION OF THE 1985 CENSUS, WHICH CONCLUDED THERE WAS NO TURKISH MINORITY.

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KARDZALI - BULGARIA-TURKS 3,0281

DURING A TWO-HOUR VISIT, THE CORRESPONDENTS WERE TAILED BY DOZENS OF PLAINCLOTHES POLICE OFFICERS, WHO INTIMIDATED RESIDENTS FROM SPEAKING. STILL, SEVERAL PEOPLE APPROACHED THE REPORTERS AND WERE WILLING TO TALK DESPITE WHAT ONE SAID WAS THE RISK OF A TWO-YEAR PRISON SENTENCE.

ON A SIDE STREET NEAR THE OPEN MARKET IN THE HEART OF THE TURKISH QUARTER, AND NOT FAR FROM THE TOWN MOSQUE, A MAN IN HIS LATE 50S APPROACHED TWO OF THE VISITORS.

ASKED IF HE WAS A BULGARIAN, THE MAN SAID, "YES." AFTER WALKING UP THE STREET A BIT FURTHER, HE WHISPERED, "I AM TURKISH."

HE SAID TROOPS SHOT PEOPLE A YEAR AGO DURING PROTESTS WHEN THE GOVERNMENT WAS PRESSING THE NAME-CHANGE CAMPAIGN.

"THEY SHOT MANY," HE SAID. "I DON'T KNOW EXACTLY, BUT IT WAS MANY."

ANOTHER RESIDENT, ASKED IF THE NUMBER OF VICTIMS HAD BEEN IN THE RANGE OF ABOUT 10 OR 20, SAID, "OH, NO, MUCH MORE."

ONE YOUNG MAN IN HIS 20S, WAITING FOR A BUS ON GEORGI DMITROV BOULEVARD, THE TOWN'S MAIN STREET, SAID HE WAS NOT A TURK, BUT THAT SOME OF HIS FRIENDS WERE, AND THAT THEY HAD BEEN FORCED BY THE AUTHORITIES TO CHANGE THEIR NAMES.

"SPEAKING TURKISH IS NOT PERMITTED AT WORK, IN SCHOOL OR IN THE STREET," HE SAID.

"MY NAME WAS MEHMET," SAID ONE YOUNG MAN ADDING, WITH A PAINED LOOK ON HIS FACE, "BUT NOW IT IS MILCHEV."

MANY RESIDENTS, WITH TERROR IN THEIR EYES, WAVED THEIR ARMS AT REPORTERS WHEN THEY WERE APPROACHED, INDICATING THAT THEY COULD NOT TALK. "YOU ARE FOLLOWED, I AM FOLLOWED," SAID ONE.

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KARDZALI - BULGARIA-TURKS 2,0223

THE HUMAN RIGHTS ORGANIZATION AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL REPORTED THIS MONTH THAT AT LEAST 100 ETHNIC TURKS IN BULGARIA WERE KILLED AND HUNDREDS OF OTHERS ARRESTED OR FORCIBLY RESETTLED BETWEEN DECEMBER 1984 AND MARCH 1985.

BOJAN TRAIKOV, DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF THE OFFICIAL BTA NEWS AGENCY, TOLD A NEWS CONFERENCE THAT EVERYTHING AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL 'SAID ABOUT OUR COUNTRY IS NOT TRUE.'

THE AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL REPORT WAS RELEASED IN LONDON APRIL 2, THE OPENING DAY OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY CONGRESS IN SOFIA. IT PROMPTED SHARP EXCHANGES BETWEEN GOVERNMENT SPOKESMEN AND FOREIGN JOURNALISTS OVER WHETHER THEY WOULD BE ALLOWED TO VISIT REGIONS WITH TURKISH COMMUNITIES, WHICH HAVE BEEN SEALED OFF FOR SEVERAL MONTHS.

ONE DAY AFTER THREE WESTERN CORRESPONDENTS MAKING SUCH AN ATTEMPT WERE TURNED BACK BY POLICE, AND AFTER REPEATED REQUESTS, THE GOVERNMENT AGREED TO ESCORT A HANDFUL OF JOURNALISTS TO KARDZALI.

THE BUS CARRYING THE JOURNALISTS WAS STOPPED BY A POLICE ROADBLOCK ABOUT 20 MILES (30 KMS) FROM THE TOWN BUT WAS ALLOWED TO PASS BECAUSE OF THE PRESENCE OF GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES.

KARDZALI, WITH A POPULATION OF 40,000, MOST OF IT ETHNIC TURKISH, IS PERCHED IN THE ARID MOUNTAINS OF SOUTHERN BULGARIA.

IT WAS RULED BY TURKEY UNTIL 1913 WHEN IT WAS RETURNED TO BULGARIA AFTER THE 1912-1913 BALKAN WARS.

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BULGARIA'S TURKISH MINORITY CONTINUES TO LIVE IN FEAR

AN AP SPECIAL REPORT

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KARDZALI, BULGARIA (AP) - ONE YEAR AFTER A GOVERNMENT CAMPAIGN TO FORCIBLY ASSIMILATE BULGARIA'S ETHNIC TURKS, THE ATMOSPHERE IN KARDZALI REMAINS TENSE AND ITS TURKISH-SPEAKING POPULATION LIVES IN FEAR.

ON WINDING BACK STREETS AND IN DUSTY CAFES IN THIS SOUTHERN BULGARIAN TOWN, 30 MILES (55 KMS) FROM THE BORDER WITH GREECE, ETHNIC TURKS SPEAK IN WHISPERS ABOUT "TERRIBLE THINGS" BEING DONE TO THEIR COMMUNITY.

THEY SAY THERE WERE SHOOTINGS AND POLICE ROUNDUPS A YEAR AGO, AT THE HEIGHT OF THE ASSIMILATION CAMPAIGN, WHEN THEY WERE FORCED TO ADOPT BULGARIAN NAMES.

THE GOVERNMENT DENIES IT IS FORCING ETHNIC TURKS TO CHANGE THEIR NAMES, DENIES ANY KILLINGS AND DENIES REPRESSION OF TURKISH IDENTITIES.

BUT RESIDENTS SAY ETHNIC TURKS ARE PROHIBITED FROM SPEAKING TURKISH IN PUBLIC AND DISCOURAGED FROM PRACTICING THE ISLAMIC FAITH AND WEARING THEIR TRADITIONAL CLOTHES. PLAINCLOTHES POLICE ABOUND AND RESIDENTS SAY INFORMERS ARE EVERYWHERE.

THERE ARE AN ESTIMATED 900,000 ETHNIC TURKS IN BULGARIA, WHICH ONCE WAS PART OF THE OTTOMAN EMPIRE. THEY CONSTITUTE 10 PERCENT OF THE POPULATION, MAKING THEM THE LARGEST MINORITY.

DESPITE GOVERNMENTAL DENIALS OF REPRESSION, THE ISSUE HOUNDS THE COMMUNIST LEADERSHIP.

IT HAS SPARKED VERBAL CLASHES BETWEEN BULGARIA AND NEIGHBORING TURKEY AND, ACCORDING TO WESTERN DIPLOMATS, APPEARS TO HAVE DISPLEASED THE SOVIET UNION, WHICH IS SEEKING TO IMPROVE RELATIONS WITH TURKEY AND HAS ITS OWN TURKISH MINORITY.

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ON OCCASIONS, TROOPS OPENED FIRE WITHOUT PROVOCATION AT PEACEFUL DEMONSTRATIONS, AND OTHER ETHNIC TURKS WERE KILLED IN VIOLENT PROTESTS, IT SAID.

THE REPORT SAID ONE EYE-WITNESS REPORTED SIX ETHNIC TURKS, INCLUDING A WOMAN AND HER 2-YEAR-OLD CHILD, WERE KILLED DEC. 23, 1984, WHEN TROOPS FIRED ON A PEACEFUL PROTEST AGAINST THE NAME-CHANGING OPERATION IN THE VILLAGE OF GORSKI IZVOR.

ON THE PREVIOUS DAYS, POLICE WITH DOGS AND TROOPS WITH TANKS HAD SURROUNDED GORSKI IZVOR, WHILE OFFICIALS VISITED EVERY HOME ISSUING IDENTITY CARDS WITH NEW NAMES. FIVE PEOPLE WHO REFUSED CARDS WERE ARRESTED, SAID AMNESTY.

IT SAID THEIR FATE WAS NOT KNOWN, AND THEY HAD BEEN ADOPTED AS "PRISONERS OF CONSCIENCE" BY THE ORGANIZATION.

THE ORGANIZATION SAID IT HAD THE NAMES OF A TOTAL OF 250 PEOPLE ARRESTED.

AMENSTY SAID, HOWEVER, THAT REPORTS THE BULGARIAN GOVERNMENT HAS CLOSED ALL MOSQUES AND PLACED A TOTAL BAN ON THE ISLAMIC FAITH WERE NOT SUBSTANTIATED.

"HOWEVER, THE ORGANIZATION BELIVES THAT SOME -- BUT NOT ALL -- MOSQUES HAVE BEEN CLOSED OR DAMAGED AND THAT SOME RELIGIOUS OFFICIALS HAVE BEEN ARRESTED," IT SAID.

AMNESTY SAID IT HAS MADE SEVERAL PROTESTS TO THE BULGARIAN GOVERNMENT.

THE ONLY RESPONSE WAS A MARCH 1985 STATEMENT FROM THE BULGARIAN EMBASSY IN LONDON COMPLAINING OF AN ANTI-BULGARIAN CAMPAIGN "ON THE BASIS OF FABRICATED ALLEGATIONS ABOUT FORCIBLE CHANGE OF NAMES OF BULGARIAN CITIZENS."

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AMNESTY-BULGARIA

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AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL: BULGARIA KILLING ETHNIC TURKS

(ADVANCE) LONDON (AP) - AT LEAST 100 ETHNIC TURKS IN BULGARIA
HAVE BEEN KILLED AND HUNDREDS ARRESTED OR FORCIBLY RESETTLED IN A
CAMPAIGN BY THE COMMUNIST GOVERNMENT TO FORCE THEM TO CHANGE THEIR
ISLAMIC NAMES, AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL CHARGED WEDNESDAY.

IN A 40-PAGE REPORT, THE LONDON-HEADQUARTERED HUMAN RIGHTS
GROUP SAID IT HAD THE NAMES OF OVER 100 PEOPLE ALLEGEDLY KILLED BY
TROOPS DURING THE FOUR-MONTH ASSIMILATION CAMPAIGN FROM DECEMBER
1984 TO MARCH 1985.

"ADHERENCE TO THE ISLAMIC FAITH WAS SEEN BY THE AUTHORITIES AS
BEING THE KEY FACTOR INHIBITING LOYALTY TO THE COMMUNIST
GOVERNMENT," SAID THE REPORT TITLED "BULGARIA: IMPRISONMENT OF
ETHNIC TURKS."

AMNESTY SAID THAT SINCE THE EARLY 1970S, THE BULGARIAN
GOVERNMENT HAS CONSISTENTLY CRACKED DOWN ON THE ETHNIC TURKISH
MINORITY, ESTIMATED TO NUMBER 900,000 OR 10 PERCENT OF THE
POPULATION.

TURKISH LANGUAGE TEACHING IN SCHOOLS HAS BEEN BANNED, LETTERS
TO ETHNIC TURKS WITH ISLAMIC NAMES RETURNED STAMPED "UNKNOWN,"
AND TELEPHONE CALLS INTERRUPTED WITH WARNINGS NOT TO USE TURKISH,
IT SAID.

AMNESTY ALSO SAID SUMMARY FINES WERE IMPOSED FOR SPEAKING
TRUKISH OR FOLLOWING THE TRADITIONAL MOSLEM PRACTICE OF MALE
CIRCUMCISION.

QUOTING REPORTS FROM EYE-WITNESSES, AMNESTY SAID THAT DURING
THE CAMPAIGN TROOPS SURROUNDED VILLAGES IN THE SOUTH OF THE COUNTRY
-- WHERE MOST OF THE ETHNIC TURKS LIVE, IN A ZONE BORDERING TURKEY.

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HUNGER STRIKE-BULGARIA

FAMILY ENDS HUNGER STRIKE AFTER PRESIDENT'S CALL

ANKARA, TURKEY (AP) - A FAMILY ENDED A NINE-DAY HUNGER-STRIKE AFTER PRESIDENT KENAN EVREN CALLED ON THEM TO STOP; TURKISH NEWS AGENCIES REPORTED FRIDAY.

THE THREE-MEMBER OZGUR FAMILY, WHO WENT ON HUNGER-STRIKE LAST WEEK TO CONVINCE BULGARIA TO LET THEIR DAUGHTER Aysel COME TO TURKEY, WERE TAKEN TO HOSPITAL TUESDAY.

AT A PUBLIC MEETING THURSDAY, EVREN CALLED ON THE OZGURS TO GIVE UP THEIR HUNGER-STRIKE "BECAUSE THERE ARE OTHER WAYS TO BRING Aysel HERE AND I DON'T WANT THEM (THE FAMILY) TO DIE."

THE OZGUR FAMILY ENDED HUNGER-STRIKE SHORTLY AFTERWARDS.

THE FAMILY WAS GRANTED ASYLUM IN TURKEY WHEN THEY CAME HERE FROM BULGARIA IN 1983 AS TOURISTS.

ACCORDING TO NEWS REPORTS, THE OZGURS CLAIM THAT BULGARIA REFUSED THEIR 15-YEAR OLD DAUGHTER, ASIA STOYANOV, PERMISSION TO VISIT TURKEY IN 1983.

Aysel's NAME WAS CHANGED TO THE SLAVIC ASIA, THE OZGURS CLAIM.

TURKEY HAS REPEATEDLY ACCUSED BULGARIA OF CARRYING OUT A CAMPAIGN OF FORCED ASSIMILATION ON ETHNIC TURKS IN BULGARIA, INCLUDING FORCING THEM TO ADOPT SLAVIC NAMES.

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BULGARIA - TURKEY CORRECTION

VIENNA - BULGARIA - TURKEY, TO CORRECT SPELLING OF
PRIME MINISTER'S NAME IN 1ST AND 2ND GRAFS, MAKE IT OZAL
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BULGARIA - TURKEY

BULGARIA ACCUSES TURKISH PRIME MINISTER OF LYING
VIENNA, AUSTRIA (AP) - BULGARIA ON THURSDAY REJECTED
ALLEGATIONS THAT IT MISTREATS ITS TURKISH MINORITY AND SAID
SUCH CLAIMS BY TURKISH PRIME MINISTER TURGUT OZAL ARE
LIES.

OZAL HAS MADE "A SERIES OF UNWORTHY UTTERANCES ...
ABOUT THE SITUATION OF THE MOSLEM BULGARIANS," SAID THE
STATE-RUN BTA NEWS AGENCY. "THE UJUSTIFIED LIES AND
DEFAMATIONS ARE INCREASING IN CONNECTION WITH THE BEGINNING
OF THE ELECTION CAMPAIGN IN TURKEY."

WHILE TURKEY HAS PROTESTED FOR YEARS ABOUT THE ALLEGED
MISTREATMENT OF ETHNIC TURKS IN BULGARIA, BULGARIA DOES NOT
EVEN ACKNOWLEDGE THAT SUCH AN ETHNIC GROUP EXISTS WITHIN ITS
BORDERS.

IT CALLS THEM MOSLEM BULGARIANS AND CLAIMS THEY WERE
ORIGINALLY SLAVS WHO WERE FORCED TO ADOPT TURKISH NAMES AND
CUSTOMS DURING THE 500-YEAR OTTOMAN OCCUPATION THAT ENDED
IN THE 19TH CENTURY.

TURKEY AND SEVERAL WESTERN HUMAN RIGHTS GROUPS SAY THE
COMMUNIST GOVERNMENT IS FORCING THE NEARLY THREE-MILLION
STRONG GROUP TO ASSUME SLAVIC NAMES AND IS SEVERELY
RESTRICTING THEIR RELIGION AND CULTURE.

BULGARIA SAYS THE NAME CHANGES ARE VOLUNTARY AND DENIES
ALL WRONGDOING.

"ALL CLAIMS ABOUT THE LIMITATION OF RIGHTS AND
FREEDOMS OF THE MOSLEM BULGARIANS, ABOUT THE DESTRUCTION OF
MOSQUES, PERSECUTION BECAUSE OF DIFFERING RELIGIONS, ETC.,
ARE THE FRUIT OF BIASED AND ABSURD FALSIFICATIONS," SAID
THE DISPATCH

THE BTA REPORT WAS MADE AVAILABLE BY THE BULGARIAN
EMBASSY HERE. ITS UNSUALLY SHARP LANGUAGE WAS IN THE FORM
OF A DECLARATION, INDICATING DIRECT SANCTION BY THE
AUTHORITIES.

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HUNGER STRIKE-BULGARIA

FAMILY ON HUNGER STRIKE TAKEN TO HOSPITAL

ANKARA, TURKEY (AP) - THREE MEMBERS OF A FAMILY, WHO WENT ON HUNGER STRIKE SINCE LAST WEEK TO BRING THEIR DAUGHTER TO TURKEY FROM BULGARIA, WERE TAKEN TO HOSPITAL, TURKISH NEWS AGENCIES REPORTED WEDNESDAY.

THE OZGUR FAMILY WERE GRANTED ASYLUM IN TURKEY WHEN THEY CAME HERE IN 1983 AS TOURISTS. TWO YEARS LATER THIS FAMILY OF MOSLEM TURKISH DESCENT BECAME TURKISH CITIZENS.

ACCORDING TO THE REPORTS, THE OZUR'S CLAIM THAT BULGARIA REFUSED THEIR 15-YEAR-OLD DAUGHTER, ASIA STOYANOV, PERMISSION TO VISIT TURKEY IN 1983 TO FORCE THE FAMILY TO RETURN.

THEIR DAUGHTER'S NAME WAS CHANGED TO THE SLAVIC ASIA'S FROM ITS ORIGINAL AYSE, THE FAMILY SAID.

TURKEY HAS REPEATEDLY ACCUSED BULGARIA OF CARRYING OUT A CAMPAIGN OF FORCED ASSIMILATION ON ETHNIC TRUKS IN BULGARIA, INCLUDING FORCING ETHNIC THEM TO ADOPT SLAVIC NAMES AND BANNING THE USE OF THE TURKISH LANGUAGE.

A HIGH LEVEL FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL, WHO DECLINED TO BE NAMED, SAID TURKEY WOULD ASK THE HUMAN RIGHTS ORGANIZATION AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL FOR HELP IN REUNITING ASIA WITH HER FAMILY, WHO LIVE IN THE WESTERN PROVINCE OF BURSA.

HE ADDED THAT TURKEY'S 1985 REQUEST TO BULGARIA THAT ASIA BE ALLOWED VISIT TURKEY HAD NOT PRODUCED ANY RESULTS.

SALIH OZGUR, ASIA'S FATHER, WAS QUOTED AS SAYING, "WE WILL CONTINUE TO HUNGER-STRIKE WHEN WE LEAVE HOSPITAL. EITHER WE GET OUR GIRL OR THEY CAN TAKE OUR DEAD BODIES."

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TURKEY-BULGARIA

FIVE BULGARIAN BOYS OF TURKISH ORIGIN FLEE TO TURKEY

ISTANBUL, TURKEY (AP) - FIVE TEEN-AGE BULGARIAN BOYS OF TURKISH ORIGIN HAVE SLIPPED ACROSS THE BORDER AND ASKED POLITICAL ASYLUM, TURKISH MEDIA REPORTED FRIDAY.

THEY CROSSED THE BORDER CLANDESTINELY NEAR THE VILLAGE OF TOPCULAR IN THE WESTERN PROVINCE OF KIRKLARELI, THE HURRIYET NEWS AGENCY SAID WITHOUT GIVING THE DATE.

LEGAL PROCEDURES FOR THE ASYLUM REQUESTS WERE STARTED FRIDAY BY LOCAL AUTHORITIES, HURRIYET ADDED.

RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES HAVE BEEN STRAINED BY AN ALLEGED FORCED ASSIMILATION CAMPAIGN OF THE 900,000-STRONG TURKISH ETHNIC MINORITY IN BULGARIA.

ACCORDING TO AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL, THE LONDON-BASED GROUP WHICH MONITORS HUMAN RIGHTS WORLDWIDE, MORE THAN 100 BULGARIANS OF TURKISH ORIGIN HAVE BEN KILLED OR IMPRISONED WHILE RESISTING THE FORCED ASSIMILATION PROGRAM.

MEANWHILE, SEVEN COUPLES WENT ON A HUNGER STRIKE THURSDAY IN THE WESTERN TURKISH PROVINCE OF BURSA, SEEKING REUNIFICATION WITH THEIR 12 CHILDREN LIVING IN BULGARIA.

THE SEVEN FAMILIES OF TURKISH DESCENT, WHO HAVE BECOME TURKISH CITIZENS AFTER DEFECTING TO TURKEY IN RECENT YEARS, SAID THEY WOULD CONTINUE THE HUNGER STRIKE UNTIL THE SOFIA GOVERNMENT RELEASES THEIR CHILDREN.

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TURKEY-BULGARIA

SEIZURE OF BULGARIAN JETLINER LIFTED

ISTANBUL, TURKEY (AP) - AN ORDER FOR THE SEIZURE OF A BULGARIAN JETLINER HELD HERE SINCE SUNDAY WAS LIFTED BY A COURT WEDNESDAY AFTER THE AIRLINE AGREED TO PAY COMPENSATION TO THE FAMILY OF A MAN KILLED IN AN AIR CRASH; TURKEY'S SEMI-OFFICIAL ANATOLIA NEWS AGENCY REPORTED.

THE BALKAN AIRLINES TUPOLEV-154 WAS SEQUESTERED BECAUSE OF A CLAIM BY THE FAMILY OF HAYDAR YASA FOR 101 MILLION TURKISH LIRAS (150,000 DOLLARS). YASA, WHO WAS WORKING IN WEST GERMANY, WAS KILLED WHEN AN ISTANBUL-BOUND BALKAN AIRLINES PLANE CRASHED NEAR SOFIA IN JANUARY 1984 AFTER TAKING OFF FROM EAST BERLIN.

KAYHAN URAS, THE LAWYER FOR THE STATE AIRLINE, HANDED OVER A LETTER OF GUARANTEE FOR THE COMPENSATION TO THE COURT WEDNESDAY; THE DISPATCH SAID. IT DID NOT GIVE THE AMOUNT AGREED ON.

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TURKEY-BULGARIA

BULGARIAN JETLINER SEIZED AT ISTANBUL AIRPORT

ISTANBUL, TURKEY (AP) - A BULGARIAN NATIONAL AIRLINES JETLINER WAS SEIZED AT ISTANBUL'S ATATURK AIRPORT SUNDAY AT THE ORDER OF A LOCAL COURT, THE HURRIYET NEWS AGENCY REPORTED.

THE BALKAN AIRLINES AIRCRAFT, IDENTIFIED AS A 151-SEAT SOVIET-MADE TUPOLEV 154, WAS SEQUESTERED EARLY SUNDAY BY THE BAKIRKOY DISTRICT-COURT BAILIFF'S OFFICE BEFORE TAKING OFF FOR SOFIA WITH 125 PASSENGERS, THE AGENCY SAID.

IT SAID THE COURT ORDERED THE PLANE SEQUESTERED AFTER BALKAN AIRLINES FAILED TO PAY 60 MILLION LIRAS (90,000 DOLLARS) IN COMPENSATION TO THE HEIRS OF HAYDAR YASA, A TURK WHO WAS KILLED WHEN A BALKAN AIRLINES JETLINER CRASHED NEAR SOFIA JAN. 10, 1984.

THE AIRLINER WAS HANDED OVER TO TURKISH CUSTOMS OFFICIALS, HURRIYET SAID, WITHOUT GIVING ANY OTHER DETAILS.

ATTEMPTS TO REACH THE COURT AND BALKAN AIRLINES OFFICIALS WERE UNSUCCESSFUL AS BOTH OFFICES WERE CLOSED.

THE PASSENGERS WERE FLOWN TO SOFIA LATER ON ANOTHER BULGARIAN AIRCRAFT, AIRPORT OFFICIALS SAID.

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TURKEY-BULGARIA INSERT

VIENNA - TURKEY-BULGARIA 2, TO ADD THAT RIDGWAY TRIP
PLANNED BEFORE VIENNA MEETING; INSERT AFTER 3RD GRAF;
BULGARIAN OFFICIALS.

MS. RIDGWAY WILL BE ACCOMPANYING U.S. DEPUTY SECRETARY
OF STATE JOHN C. WHITEHEAD ON A TRIP TO EASTERN EUROPE THAT
WAS PLANNED BEFORE THE HELSINKI FOLLOW-UP CONFERENCE BEGAN.

AS HALEFOGLU, 4TH GRAF, VIENNA - TURKEY-BULGARIA 2

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VIENNA - TURKEY-BULGARIA 3

HE SAID THAT IN HIS VILLAGE -- AND OTHERS IN FORMER
TURKISH AREAS IN SOUTHERN BULGARIA -- AUTHORITIES HAD
BANNED SPEAKING OF THE TURKISH LANGUAGE, MOSLEM RELIGIOUS
SERVICES AND DRESS, AND CIRCUMCISION.

THERE ARE AN ESTIMATED 900,000 ETHNIC TURKS IN
BULGARIA, ABOUT 10 PERCENT OF THE POPULATION.

THE HELSINKI REVIEW MEETING, WHICH IS SCHEDULED TO LAST
AT LEAST THROUGH MID-1987, WAS IN ITS THIRD DAY THURSDAY.

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VIENNA - TURKEY-BULGARIA 2

HALEFOGLU CHARGED THAT 1.5 MILLION ETHNIC TURKS IN BULGARIA WERE FORCED TO ADOPT BULGARIAN NAMES AND SAID THIS WAS AN EXAMPLE OF HOW THE HELSINKI TREATY HAD BEEN DISAPPOINTING IN HUMAN RIGHTS ASPECTS.

"THE CAMPAIGN IS STILL CONTINUING AT FULL SCALE," HE SAID.

HALEFOGLU MET THURSDAY WITH U.S. SECRETARY OF STATE GEORGE P. SHULTZ, WHO TOLD THE CONFERENCE WEDNESDAY THAT VIOLATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE SOVIET BLOC WERE OF PRIMARY CONCERN IN THE WEST.

ROZANNE L. RIDGWAY, THE ASSISTANT U.S. SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EUROPEAN AFFAIRS WHO ACCOMPANIED SHULTZ TO VIENNA, WAS SCHEDULED TO GO TO SOFIA ON MONDAY FOR TWO DAYS OF TALKS WITH BULGARIAN OFFICIALS.

AS HALEFOGLU SPOKE, A GROUP OF BULGARIAN TURKS WHO ESCAPED TO TURKEY MET WITH OFFICIALS OF AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL, WHICH HAS DOCUMENTED AT LEAST 100 KILLINGS IN THE ASSIMILATION CAMPAIGN.

ONE OF THE TURKS SAID HE FLED BULGARIA IN APRIL 1985, FOUR MONTHS AFTER BULGARIAN TROOPS ENTERED HIS VILLAGE OF KURUCADERE, THREE KILOMETERS (TWO MILES) FROM THE GREEK BORDER.

THE MAN, YUSUF BILALOGU, 32, SAID TROOPS AND POLICE ENTERED PEOPLES' HOMES AND FORCED THEM TO SIGN DOCUMENTS STATING THEY HAD VOLUNTARILY AGREED TO ADOPT BULGARIAN NAMES.

HE SAID FOUR PEOPLE WERE KILLED AND 16 OTHERS WOUNDED WHEN POLICE BROKE UP A DEMONSTRATION AGAINST THE NAME CHANGES.

"MY NAME WAS CHANGED TO JOZEF ANGELOV," HE SAID IN AN INTERVIEW AFTER THE MEETING WITH AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL OFFICIALS.

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TURKEY-BULGARIA

WITH VIENNA - U.S.-SOVIET NL

TURKEY RAISES TURKISH MINORITY ISSUE AT HELSINKI

MEETING

BY MATTHEW C. VITA

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VIENNA, AUSTRIA (AP) - TURKEY TOLD A 35-NATION SECURITY AND HUMAN RIGHTS CONFERENCE THURSDAY THAT BULGARIA'S REPRESSION OF ITS ETHNIC TURKISH MINORITY IS "CONTINUING AT FULL SCALE."

TURKEY'S FOREIGN MINISTER, VAHIT HALEFOGLU, ACCUSED COMMUNIST BULGARIA OF WAGING A "COERCIVE CAMPAIGN OF ASSIMILATION OF THE TURKISH MINORITY WHOSE RIGHTS AND STATUS HAVE BEEN GUARANTEED."

HALEFOGLU PLANNED TO MEET FRIDAY WITH HIS BULGARIAN COUNTERPART, PETAR MLADENOV, IN THE HIGHEST CONTACT BETWEEN THE TWO GOVERNMENTS SINCE THE ASSIMILATION CAMPAIGN BEGAN IN LATE 1984.

"TURKEY HAS REPEATEDLY CALLED ON THE BULGARIAN GOVERNMENT TO REMEDY THIS SITUATION AND TO ENTER INTO BILATERAL TALKS AIMED AT SOLVING ALL ASPECTS OF THIS HUMANITARIAN PROBLEM, INCLUDING CONCLUSION OF AN EMIGRATION AGREEMENT," HALEFOGLU SAID.

"TOMORROW I SHALL BE MEETING WITH MY BULGARIAN COLLEAGUE. FOREMOST IN MY MIND IS NATURALLY THIS PROBLEM."

AT LEAST 100 ETHNIC TURKS WERE REPORTED KILLED AND HUNDREDS OF OTHERS ARRESTED OR FORCIBLY RESETTLED AT THE HEIGHT OF THE CAMPAIGN IN 1985. BULGARIA HAS CONSISTENTLY DENIED THE CHARGES.

MLADENOV WAS TO ADDRESS THE HUMAN RIGHTS MEETING HERE FRIDAY. THE MEETING IS REVIEWING THE 1975 HELSINKI AGREEMENT, WHICH WAS DESIGNED TO EASE EAST-WEST TENSIONS AND PROMOTE COOPERATION IN EUROPE.

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BULUNSV-TURKEY

BULGARIANS DENY EXISTENCE OF TURKISH MINORITY; EMIGRANT
CITES RIGHTS VIOLATIONS

BY ROLAND PRINZ

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ADDRESSING THE 35-NATION HELSINKI FOLLOW-UP CONFERENCE
HERE, BULGARIAN FOREIGN MINISTER PETAR MLADENOV SABBRSO-CALLED PROBLEM OF BULGAR
IAN MUSLIMS'' WAS BEING
''ARTIFICIALLY CONTRIVELY TURKEY.''

HE SAID, ''WE HAVE REJECTED THE COMPLETELY GROUNDLESS
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HUMANITARIAN PROBLEM, INCLUDING CONCLUSION OF AN EMIGRATION
AGREEMENT,' ' HALEFOGLU SAID.

THE TWO MINISTER ET EARLIER FRIDAY. MALDENOV MADE
CLEAR THAT THE DISPUTE WAS NOT RESOLVED. BUT SAID THE
DIALOGUE WITH TURKEY WOULD CONTINUE.

PRIOR TO A BULGARIAN GOVERNMENT NEWS CONFERENCE HERE,
REPRESENTATIVES OF BAL GOC, A TURKISH ORGANIZATION
SUPPORTING THE RIGHTS OF

TURKS IN BULGARIA, CHARGED THE
SOFIA GOVERNMENT WITH CRIMES AGAINST ETHNIC TURKS.
; ACCORDING TO WESTERN REPORTS, THERE ARE 900,000 TURKS
IN BULGARIA. THEY WERE FORCED TO ASSKE BULGARIAN NAMES IN
AN UNPRECEDENTED ASSIMILATION CAMPAIGN, WESTERN HUMAN
RIGHTS ORGANIZATIONS SAY.

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"WE HOPE OVER TIME THAT THE BULGARIANS WILL RELENT," SAID SCHIFTER, WHO ALONG WITH OTHER U.S. OFFICIALS HAS RAISED THE ISSUE AT THE UNITED NATIONS, AT THE 35-NATION SECURITY AND HUMAN RIGHTS CONFERENCE IN VIENNA AND IN OTHER INTERNATIONAL ARENAS.

AHMET SANDIKCIOGLU, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE BALKAN TURKS OF AMERICA ASSOCIATION, AND ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT IBRAHIM TUNA SAID THEY WERE ENCOURAGED BY THEIR MEETING WITH SCHIFTER, AND PLANNED TO LOBBY THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO PASS RESOLUTIONS CONDEMNING THE BULGARIAN ACTIONS.

BULGARIAN OFFICIALS HAVE DENIED REPRESSING THE TURKISH MINORITY, WHICH SANDIKCIOGLU ESTIMATED AT UP 2 MILLION OF THE 9 MILLION PEOPLE IN BULGARIA. OTHER ESTIMATES PLACE THE TURKISH POPULATION AT CLOSER TO 1 MILLION.

THE CAMPAIGN TO "ASSIMILATE" THE TURKS BEGAN IN DECEMBER 1984, AND LED TO THE DEATHS OF AT LEAST 100 ETHNIC TURKS 1985, ACCORDING TO REPORTS BY AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL, HELSINKI WATCH AND OTHER HUMAN RIGHTS GROUPS.

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TURKISH AMERICANS ALLEGE BULGARIAN HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS
WASHINGTON (AP) - A DELEGATION OF TURKISH AMERICANS HAS WON
FRESH SUPPORT FROM THE STATE DEPARTMENT IN THEIR CAMPAIGN AGAINST
REPORTED BULGARIAN REPRESSION OF ETHNIC TURKS IN THAT SOVIET BLOC
COUNTRY.

ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE RICHARD SCHIFTER, HEAD OF THE
DEPARTMENT'S HUMAN RIGHTS OFFICE, SAID HE ADVISED DELEGATION
MEMBERS FRIDAY 'AS TO WHAT THEY CAN DO TO GET ATTENTION TO THE
PROBLEM.'

REPRESSIONS CARRIED OUT BY THE BULGARIAN GOVERNMENT, HE SAID,
HAVE INCLUDED FORCING ETHNIC TURKS TO ADOPT SLAVIC NAMES= THE
DESTRUCTION OF MOSQUES= A SEVERE LIMITATION ON ISLAMIC WORSHIP= A
BAN ON THE USE OF THE TURKISH LANGUAGE IN PUBLICATIONS, BROADCASTS
OR IN SOME CASE CONVERSATIONS= PUNISHMENT OF THOSE WHO WEAR
TURKISH-STYLE GARMENTS= AND FINES IMPOSED ON PARENTS WHO CIRCUNCISE
THEIR CHILDREN, IN CONFORMANCE WITH RELIGIOUS BELIEFS.

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TURKEY-ATHLETE ASYLUM

BULGARIAN CHAMPION WEIGHT LIFTER LEAVES FOR TURKEY

ANKARA, TURKEY (AP) - SOVIET BLOC COUNTRY'S TOP WEIGHT LIFTER NEUM SHALAMANOV, WHO WAS GRANTED ASYLUM BY TURKEY FOLLOWING HIS DEFECTION IN AUSTRALIA, HAS LEFT FOR THIS COUNTRY, A FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL SAID FRIDAY.

THE OFFICIAL WHO SPOKE ON CONDITION OF ANONYMITY SAID THAT SHALAMANOV WAS GRANTED ASYLUM ON THURSDAY, IN MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA

MEANWHILE, THE SEMI-OFFICIAL ANATOLIA NEWS AGENCY, IN A DISPATCH FROM LONDON, REPORTED THAT SHALAMANOV MADE A STOPOVER IN LONDON. HE WAS BROUGHT TO TURKISH EMBASSY RESIDENCE IN LONDON FOR A REST, THE DISPATCH SAID. IT DID NOT SAY WHEN HE WILL DEPART FOR TURKEY.

THE BULGARIAN WEIGHT LIFTER, SHALAMANOV, 19, DISAPPEARED SUNDAY AFTER BREAKING THE 60-KG. SNATCH RECORD IN THE WORLD CUP COMPETITION IN MELBOURNE.

THE CHAMPION WEIGHT LIFTER VISITED ON WEDNESDAY TURKISH CONSULATE IN MELBOURNE ESCORTED BY AUSTRALIAN POLICE AND REQUESTED ASYLUM FROM TURKEY CITING BULGARIA'S FORCED ASSIMILATION OF ITS TURKISH MINORITY.

SHALAMANOV'S REAL NAME IS NAIM SULEYMANOV. HE EXCHANGED HIS TURKISH NAME FOR A SLAVIC ONE LAST YEAR, AS DID THOUSANDS OF OTHERS IN BULGARIA, A TURKISH FOREIGN MINISTRY HAS SAID.

TURKEY HAS ACCUSED BULGARIA OF FORCING MORE THAN ONE MILLION TURKS TO CHANGE THEIR MOSLEM NAMES INTO SLAVIC ONES, TO GIVE UP THEIR MOSLEM RELIGIOUS CUSTOMS.

BULGARIA HAS COUNTERED THAT NAME CHANGES WERE VOLUNTARY, A CLAIM TURKEY CALLS +RIDICULOUS.+

AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL, THE LONDON-BASED HUMAN RIGHTS ORGANIZATION SAID IN ITS 1986 REPORT THAT MORE THAN 100 ETHNIC TURKS DIED WHILE RESISTING NAME CHANGES.

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SHALAMANOV

WITH ANKARA - TURKEY-ATHLETE ASYLUM

BULGARIA CLAIMS ATHLETE WAS "VICTIM OF TERRORIST ACT"

VIENNA, AUSTRIA (AP) - COMMUNIST BULGARIA, COMMENTING ON THE DEFECTION OF ITS TOP WEIGHTLIFTER, HAS ALLEGED THAT NAUM SHALAMANOV HAD BECOME "THE VICTIM OF A TERRORIST ACT."

THE STATE-RUN BTA NEWS AGENCY LATE FRIDAY ALSO STRONGLY REBUKED AUSTRALIAN AUTHORITIES FOR ALLOWING SUCH AN "OUTRAGENOUS OFFENSE", THE TITLE OF ITS ENGLISH-LANGUAGE COMMENT.

SHALAMANOV, 19, DISAPPEARED LAST SUNDAY AFTER WINNING A RECORD THIRD WORLD TITLE IN MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA. HE REPORTEDLY ASKED FOR ASYLUM IN TURKEY AND ON SATURDAY ARRIVED IN ANKARA TO RECEIVE A HEROE'S WELCOME.

AUSTRALIAN POLICE "INTERVIEWED THE ATHLETE AT SOME SECRET PLACE. HE STOOD IN HIDING FOR FIVE DAYS AND DID NOT...SAY WHAT HE INTENDED TO DO," BTA SAID. IT ADDED, "THIS GIVE US REASON TO THINK HE IS THE VICTIM OF A TERRORIST ACT..." FEW YEARS."

BTA ASSERTED, "THERE IS NOT A SINGLE FACT TO SUGGEST THAT HE INTENDED TO STAY ABROAD. ON THE CONTRARY, THE CLOTHES AND TALISMANS, THE MONEY AND THE WORLD CUP, THE GIFTS FOR THE FAMILY LEFT BEHIND IN HIS HOTEL ARE A POSITIVE INDICATION THAT HE WAS LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING HIS HOME LAND SOON."

THE AGENCY ALSO SAID "SUCH ACTS GIVE RISE TO THE JUST ANGER AND INDIGNATION OF THE ENTIRE BULGARIAN PUBLIC... HOW COULD A COUNTRY, WITH WHICH BULGARIA IS MAINTAINING NORMAL, FRIENDLY RELATIONS, ALLOW ...TERRORIST ACTS AGAINST A BULGARIAN NATIONAL?

"THE AUSTRALIAN AUTHORITIES ARE UNDERTAKING THE GRAVE RESPONSIBILITY OF DISREGARDING THE NORMS OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND HUMAN RIGHTS," BTA COMMENTED.

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WITH ANKARA - TURKEY-ATHLETE ASYLUM

BULGARIAN WEIGHTLIFTER LEAVES AUSTRALIA FOR ASYLUM IN TURKEY

CANBERRA, AUSTRALIA (AP) - BULGARIAN WEIGHTLIFTER NEUM

SHALAMANOV LEFT AUSTRALIA EARLY FRIDAY FOR ASYLUM IN TURKEY, THE FOREIGN AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED.

THE ANNOUNCEMENT SAID BULGARIA'S WORLD CHAMPION HAD CONTACTED FEDERAL POLICE THURSDAY NIGHT IN MELBOURNE TO TELL THEM OF HIS PLANS.

FEDERAL POLICE WAS REPORTED TO HAVE INTERVIEWED SHALAMANOV AND ALLOWED HIM TO BOOK A FLIGHT FROM MELBOURNE TO ANKARA, THE TURKISH CAPITAL.

THE 19-YEAR-OLD ATHLETE, AN ETHNIC TURK WHOSE ORIGINAL MOSLEM NAME IS NAIM SOLEYMANOV, HAD DISAPPEARED SUNDAY AFTER SETTING A NEW WORLD RECORD FOR THE 60 KILOGRAM SNATCH AT THE WORLD CUP TOURNAMENT IN MELBOURNE.

OFFICIALS IN ANKARA SAID THURSDAY THAT SHALAMANOV'S REQUEST FOR ASYLUM HAD BEEN ACCEPTED.

THEY SAID SHALAMANOV COMPLAINED OF OPPRESSION AGAINST BULGARIA'S ETHNIC TURKISH MINORITY.

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CITING UNSPECIFIED NEWS REPORTS, BULGARIA'S STATE-RUN BTA NEWS AGENCY SAID SHALAMANOV "WAS TAKEN TO SOME ABODE OF UNKNOWN ADDRESS KNOWN TO BE USED BY TURKS IN AUSTRALIA."

THE REPORTS "SEEM TO IMPLY THAT MR. SHALAMANOV IS BEING PRESSURED INTO DEFECTING FROM HIS HOMELAND," SAID BTA, MONITORED IN VIENNA.

SHALAMANOV'S RELATIVES "INSIST THAT HE BE LOCATED AND PROVIDED WITH AN OPPORTUNITY AND CONDITIONS TO RETURN TO HIS HOMELAND," SAID BTA.

MEHMET BAHAR, WHO EDITS THE TURKISH-LANGUAGE HUR DUNYA NEWSPAPER IN MELBOURNE, SAID IN AN AUSTRALIAN RADIO INTERVIEW THAT SHALAMANOV HAD BEEN IN HIDING FOR THE PAST FOUR DAYS.

BAHAR TOLD REPORTERS EARLIER THAT THE ATHLETE WANTED TO ESCAPE PERSECUTION OF THE TURKISH MINORITY IN BULGARIA.

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BULGARIA - MISSING ATHLETE

BULGARIA: WEIGHTLIFTER APPARENTLY BEING "PRESSURED" TO
DEFECT

VIENNA, AUSTRIA (AP) - BULGARIA ON WEDNESDAY QUESTIONED
REPORTS THAT NEUM SHALAMANOV, THE SOVIET BLOC COUNTRY'S TOP
WEIGHT LIFTER, IS VOLUNTARILY SEEKING ASYLUM IN AUSTRALIA
AND SAID HE APPARENTLY IS BEING PRESSURED TO DEFECT.

THE 19-YEAR OLD SHALAMANOV VANISHED SUNDAY AFTER
WINNING A RECORD THIRD WORLD TITLE IN MELBOURNE.

AUSTRALIAN ASSOCIATED PRESS, QUOTING A FOREIGN MINISTRY
STATEMENT, SAID POLICE IN THE STATE OF VICTORIA LOCATED THE
BULGARIAN WEDNESDAY AND HE ANNOUNCED HE WANTED TO STAY IN
AUSTRALIA.

THE ATHLETE ORIGINALLY WAS CALLED SULEIMANOV. HE
EXCHANGED HIS TURKISH-SOUNDING NAME FOR A SLAVIC ONE LAST
YEAR, AS DID THOUSANDS OF OTHERS IN BULGARIA.

BULGARIA CLAIMS THE NAME CHANGES ARE VOLUNTARY AND
THERE ARE NO ETHNIC TURKS IN THE COUNTRY, ONLY SLAVS WHO
ADOPTED TURKISH NAMES AND CUSTOMS DURING HUNDREDS OF YEARS
OF TURKISH DOMINATION.

BUT TURKEY ACCUSES BULGARIA OF LAUNCHING A VICIOUS
CAMPAIGN OF ENFORCED ASSIMILATION OF ITS TURKISH MINORITY,
A STANDPOINT ALSO ACCEPTED IN THE WEST.

AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL, IN ITS 1986 REPORT, SAID
BULGARIAN SECURITY FORCES ALLEGEDLY KILLED MORE THAN 100
ETHNIC TURKS BECAUSE THEY CLUNG TO THEIR NAMES AND CUSTOMS.

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TURKEY-ATHLETE ASYLUM

WITH VIENNA MISSING ATHLETE

CHAMPION WEIGHTLIFTER ASKS ASYLUM FROM TURKEY

ANKARA, TURKEY (AP) - BULGARIA'S CHAMPION WEIGHTLIFTER NEUM SHALAMANOV, WHO DEFECTED IN AUSTRALIA LAST WEEKEND, HAS ASKED TURKEY FOR ASYLUM; A FOREIGN MINISTRY SPOKESMAN SAID THURSDAY.

SHALAMANOV, 19, ONE OF WORLD'S TOP WEIGHTLIFTERS, DISAPPEARED SUNDAY AFTER WINNING A RECORD THIRD WORLD CUP TITLE IN MELBOURNE.

THE SPOKESMAN, WHO CANNOT BE NAMED UNDER GOVERNMENT CUSTOM, SAID SHALAMANOV, WHO IS ETHNIC TURKISH AND WHOSE REAL NAME IS NAIM SULEYMANOV, VISITED THE TURKISH CONSULATE IN MELBOURNE WEDNESDAY ESCORTED BY POLICE.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE ATHLETE TOLD CONSUL-GENERAL SAHIR ARMAOGLU THAT HE DEFECTED TO PROTEST BULGARIA'S FORCED ASSIMILATION OF ITS TURKISH MINORITY AND WANTS ASYLUM FROM TURKEY.

HE ADDED THAT TURKEY WELCOMES ANY BULGARIAN TURK "WHO SUCCEEDS IN ESCAPING BULGARIA AND ITS OPPRESSION."

ON WEDNESDAY THE BULGARIAN OFFICIAL NEWS AGENCY BTA CLAIMED THAT SHALAMANOV WAS BEING PRESSURED INTO DEFECTING FROM HIS HOMELAND.

TURKEY HAS ACCUSED BULGARIA OF FORCING MORE THAN ONE MILLION TURKS IN THAT COUNTRY TO CHANGE THEIR MOSLEM NAMES INTO SLAVIC ONES AND TO GIVE UP THEIR RELIGIOUS CUSTOMS.

BULGARIA HAS COUNTERED THAT THE NAME CHANGES ARE VOLUNTARY; A CLAIM TURKEY CALLED "RIDICULOUS."

AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL, THE LONDON-BASED HUMAN RIGHTS ORGANIZATION, SAID IN ITS 1986 REPORT THAT MORE THAN 100 ETHNIC TURKS DIED WHILE RESISTING NAME CHANGES.

THE TURKISH SPOKESMAN SAID SHALAMANOV WAS STAYING WITH BULGARIAN-TURKISH IMMIGRANT FRIENDS IN AUSTRALIA.

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TURKEY-BULGARIA

GIFTS POUR IN FOR WEIGHTLIFTER WHO DEFECTED

ANKARA, TURKEY (AP) - NEUM SHALAMANOV, THE BULGARIAN ETHNIC-TURKISH CHAMPION WEIGHTLIFTER WHO DEFECTED AND SOUGHT ASYLUM IN TURKEY LAST WEEK, IS BEING SHOWERED WITH GIFTS IN HIS NEW COUNTRY.

SHALAMANOV, WHOSE ORIGINAL MOSLEM NAME IS NAIM SULEYMANOV, HAS ALREADY RECEIVED THREE CO-OP APARTMENT FLATS, TWO OF THEM GIFTS FROM TURKEY'S LEADING NEWSPAPERS, A STATE-ISSUED CAR, ENOUGH FURNITURE FOR ALL HIS NEW HOUSES, AND 50 MILLION TURKISH LIRA (66,000 DOLLARS) IN CASH, WIRE SERVICES AND NEWSPAPERS REPORTED TUESDAY.

ON MONDAY SHALAMANOV OFFICIALLY BECAME A TURKISH CITIZEN, ADOPTING THE NAME SULEYMANOGLU, THE TURKISH VERSION OF THE SLAVICIZED SULEYMANOV WHICH MEANS SON OF SULEYMAN.

THE 19-YEAR-OLD ATHLETE VANISHED IN MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA ON DEC. 7, AFTER SETTING A NEW WORLD FOR THE 60 KILOGRAM SNATCH AT THE WORLD CUP TOURNAMENT THERE.

A FEW DAYS LATER HE SURFACED AND ASKED FOR POLITICAL ASYLUM FROM TURKEY.

PREMIER TURGUT OZAL'S PRIVATE PLANE WAS SENT TO LONDON SATURDAY TO BRING SHALAMANOV HERE. SHALAMANOV TOLD REPORTERS HE DECIDED TO FLEE FROM BULGARIA IN 1985 WHEN THEY CHANGED HIS MOSLEM NAME.

SHALAMANOV IS CURRENTLY ON A TOUR OF TURKEY, STARTING WITH A VISIT TO THE ABANT LUXURY WINTER RESORT IN WESTERN TURKEY.

HUNDREDS OF TURKS IN THE NEIGHBORING CITY OF BOLU LINED THE STREETS TO WELCOME SHALAMANOV, WIRE SERVICES REPORTED.

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"WE WERE FORBIDDEN TO SPEAK TURKISH AND THE BULGARIAN AUTHORITIES CLOSED OUR MOSQUES," HE SAID.

HE SAID THE BULGARIAN PEOPLE WERE ALSO AGAINST THE OFFICIAL FORCED ASSIMILATION CAMPAIGN. "THEY (BULGARIANS) SAY THAT THEY WERE NOT TREATED LIKE THIS EVEN BY THE NAZI GERMANS DURING THE WAR," HE SAID.

HIS VOICE QUAVERING, SHALAMANDOV SAID, "I HAVE NEVER BEEN SO HAPPY IN MY LIFE, BUT I AM VERY MUCH WORRIED ABOUT MY FAMILY WHICH I LEFT BEHIND."

OZAL ASSURED HIM THAT HE WOULD TRY TO BRING THEM TO TURKEY AS WELL.

SAKIP SABANCI, ONE OF TURKEY'S WEALTHIEST BUSINESSMEN, HAS PROMISED SHALAMANDOV A WELL-PAID JOB AND SPORTS FANS HAVE PROMISED HIM GIFTS OF ALL SORTS, EVEN A HOUSE.

EDUCATION AND SPORT MINISTER METIN EMIROGLU SAID SHALAMANDOV WOULD BE ASKED TO JOIN THE NATIONAL TEAM AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AS A TRAINER AND ADVISER AS WELL AS AN ATHLETE.

SHALAMANDOV IS NOW LIVING AT THE STATE GUEST HOUSE IN THE CAPITAL.

TURKEY HAS TOLD THE BULGARIAN GOVERNMENT IT WOULD WELCOME ALL THE BULGARI

N TURKS WHO WANT TO EMIGRATE. BULGARIA HAS NOT RESPONDED TO THE OFFER. THE SOFIA GOVERNMENT HAS SAID THAT THE NAME CHANGES ARE VOLUNTARY.

AN ESTIMATED 1 MILLION ETHNIC TURKS CONSTITUTE BULGARIA'S LARGEST MINORITY, ABOUT 10 PERCENT OF THE TOTAL POPULATION.

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TURKEY-ATHLETE ASYLUM

CHAMPION WEIGHTLIFTER RECEIVES HERO'S WELCOME

BY ZEYNEP ALEMDAR

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ANKARA, TURKEY (AP) - BULGARIA'S ETHNIC-TURKISH CHAMPION WEIGHTLIFTER NEUM SHALAMANOV, WHO ASKED TURKEY FOR ASYLUM AFTER WINNING A RECORD THIRD WORLD CUP TITLE IN AUSTRALIA LAST WEEK, RECEIVED A HERO'S WELCOME ON HIS ARRIVAL HERE SATURDAY.

TURKISH PREMIER TURGUT OZAL SENT HIS PRIVATE PLANE TO LONDON TO BRING THE 19-YEAR-OLD ATHLETE HERE. SHALAMANOV, WHOSE ORIGINAL MOSLEM NAME IS NAIM SULEYMANOV, HAD DISAPPEARED SUNDAY IN MELBOURNE AFTER SETTING A NEW WORLD RECORD FOR THE 60 KILOGRAM SNATCH AT THE WORLD CUP TOURNAMENT THERE. HE LATER ASKED FOR POLITICAL ASYLUM FROM TURKEY TO PROTEST BULGARIA'S FORCED ASSIMILATION OF ITS TURKISH MINORITY.

FROM THE AIRPORT SHALAMANOV WAS DIRECTLY DRIVEN TO THE PREMIER'S OFFICE WHERE OZAL WAS HOLDING A PRESS CONFERENCE ON MAJOR POLICY ISSUES. AS SHALAMANOV ENTERED THE HALL, MEMBERS OF OZAL'S CABINET AND OTHER TOP GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS GAVE HIM A STANDING OVATION.

SHALAMANOV KISSED OZAL'S HAND, A TRADITIONAL TURKISH CUSTOM TO EXPRESS RESPECT FOR ELDERS. "IT'S ALL RIGHT NOW, IT'S ALL RIGHT, NOW YOU ARE AT HOME," SAID OZAL, VISIBLY MOVED, TRYING TO CALM DOWN THE APPARENTLY NERVOUS ATHLETE.

SHALAMANOV DENIED BULGARIAN PRESS REPORTS THAT HE WAS PRESSURED INTO DEFECTING FROM HIS HOMELAND.

HE TOLD REPORTERS THAT HE HAD BEEN PLANNING TO ESCAPE FROM BULGARIA SINCE HIS NAME WAS CHANGED LAST YEAR. HE SAID AT LEAST 80 TURKS HAVE BEEN KILLED SINCE BULGARIA REPORTEDLY BEGAN TO FORCE ASSIMILATION OF ETHNIC TURKS AT THE END OF 1984, INCLUDING CHANGING TURKISH NAMES TO BULGARIAN.

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TURKEY-BULGARIA

BULGARIA AGREES TO REUNITE 14 CHILDREN WITH THEIR FAMILIES
ANKARA, TURKEY (AP) - TURKEY ON WEDNESDAY WELCOMED A BULGARIAN
GOVERNMENT DECISION TO ALLOW 14 ETHNIC TURKISH CHILDREN TO LEAVE THE
COUNTRY FOR REUNIFICATION WITH THEIR FAMILIES IN TURKEY.

A FOREIGN MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENT SAID THE BULGARIAN GOVERNMENT
INFORMED THEM THAT THEY WOULD SEND THE CHILDREN TO THEIR FAMILIES
IN THE FIRST DAYS OF JANUARY.

ACCORDING TO TURKISH PRESS REPORTS, AT LEAST 113 CHILDREN HAVE
BEEN LEFT BEHIND IN BULGARIA AS THEIR PARENTS DEFECTED TO TURKEY
OVER THE PAST FEW YEARS.

RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO NEIGHBORS HAVE BEEN STRAINED BY
TURKISH ALLEGATIONS THAT BULGARIA IS CONDUCTING A FORCED
ASSIMILATION CAMPAIGN OF THE 900,000-STRONG TURKISH ETHNIC MINORITY
IN THE LAST TWO YEARS.

SIMILAR ALLEGATIONS HAVE BEEN MADE BY INTERNATIONAL HUMAN
RIGHTS GROUPS SUCH AS AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL.

THE FOREIGN MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENT SAID TURKEY EXPECTS THIS
DEVELOPMENT TO LEAD TO OTHER HUMANITARIAN GESTURES BY THE BULGARIAN
GOVERNMENT AND TO PAVE THE WAY FOR NEGOTIATIONS ON THE PROBLEM OF
ETHNIC TURKS.

TURKEY ALSO SAID IT WOULD ACCEPT ANY ETHNIC TURK WHO WANTS TO
IMMIGRATE TO THIS COUNTRY. BULGARIA HAS NOT YET MADE AN OFFICIAL
RESPONSE.

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TURKEY-BULGARIA

BULGARIA SENDS CHILD TO JOIN HER FAMILY

EDIRNE, TURKEY (AP) - AN ELEVEN-YEAR-OLD BULGARIAN GIRL OF TURKISH ORIGIN ARRIVED TO AN EMOTIONAL WELCOME AND WAS REUNITED WITH HER FAMILY HERE ON TUESDAY, THE SEMI-OFFICIAL ANATOLIA AGENCY REPORTED.

BIRGUL OZTURK WAS BROUGHT BY HER UNCLE TO THE KAPIKULE BORDER GATE WHERE SHE WAS MET BY HER FATHER AND MOTHER WHO HAD DEFECTED TO TURKEY THREE YEARS AGO, THE AGENCY SAID.

OZTURK WAS THE FIRST OF 14 CHILDREN THE BULGARIAN GOVERNMENT IN DECEMBER SAID IT WOULD ALLOW TO LEAVE THE COUNTRY FOR REUNIFICATION WITH THEIR FAMILIES IN TURKEY.

ACCORDING TO TURKISH PRESS REPORTS, THERE ARE AT LEAST 113 SUCH CHILDREN IN BULGARIA LEFT BEHIND BY PARENTS WHO HAVE DEFECTED TO TURKEY OVER THE PAST FEW YEARS.

RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO NEIGHBORS HAVE BEEN STRAINED BY TURKISH ALLEGATIONS THAT BULGARIA IS CONDUCTING A FORCED ASSIMILATION CAMPAIGN OF THE 900,000-STRONG TURKISH ETHNIC MINORITY.

SIMILAR ALLEGATIONS HAVE BEEN MADE BY INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS GROUPS SUCH AS AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL.

TURKEY, WELCOMING THE BULGARIAN DECISION TO SEND THE CHILDREN, EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT IT WILL LEAD TO OTHER HUMANITARIAN GESTURES BY SOFIA AND PAVE THE WAY FOR NEGOTIATIONS ON THE PROBLEM OF ETHNIC TURKS.

TURKEY ALSO SAID IT WILL ACCEPT ANY ETHNIC TURK WHO WANTS TO IMMIGRATE TO THIS COUNTRY.

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ZHULEV SAID THE TWO COUNTRIES HAD BEGUN DISCUSSIONS OF THE ISSUE LAST YEAR AND WOULD HOLD FURTHER TALKS IN THE FUTURE, WHILE CONTENDING THAT TURKEY WAS DISSEMINATING PROPAGANDA ON THE SUBJECT.

BULGARIAN OFFICIALS WILL BE PLEASED TO DISCUSS THE MATTER WHEN U.S. DEPUTY SECRETARY OF STATE JOHN C. WHITEHEAD VISITS SOFIA, THE BULGARIAN CAPITAL, AT THE END OF THE MONTH, ZHULEV SAID.

WHITEHEAD WILL ALSO HOLD TALKS IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND POLAND.

ZHULEV SAID THE TRIP WAS PART OF 'A SLOW, CAREFUL NORMALIZING OF OUR RELATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES.' ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE ROZANNE RIDGWAY PAID A VISIT LAST YEAR.

THE TWO COUNTRIES HAVE A SCIENTIFIC AND CULTURAL EXCHANGE AGREEMENT. IN A MOVE TO EXPAND TRADE, BULGARIA HAS APPLIED FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE.

ZHULEV SAID SMALLER COUNTRIES LIKE BULGARIA COULD PAVE THE WAY FOR SUPERPOWER ARMS-CONTROL ACCORDS. HE CITED HIS GOVERNMENT'S EFFORTS WITH ROMANIA AND GREECE TO MAKE THE BALKANS A NUCLEAR-FREE ZONE AND ANOTHER INITIATIVE TO KEEP THE REGION FREE OF CHEMICAL WEAPONS.

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BULGARIAN ENVOY DISMISSES TURKISH CHARGES AS PROPAGANDA

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AP DIPLOMATIC WRITER

WASHINGTON (AP) - AMBASSADOR STOYAN L. ZHULEV OF BULGARIA ON THURSDAY ACCUSED TURKEY OF SPREADING FALSE INFORMATION ABOUT THE TREATMENT OF MOSLEMS IN HIS COUNTRY.

ZHULEV SUMMONED REPORTERS TO THE EMBASSY TO MAKE A STRONG PLEA FOR REDUCTIONS IN NUCLEAR WEAPONS AND CURBS ON SPACE-BASED DEFENSES AS THE ONLY WAY TO IMPROVE EAST-WEST SECURITY.

HE SAID BULGARIA IS ON GOOD TERMS WITH NEIGHBORING GREECE, A NATO COUNTRY= ROMANIA, A FELLOW MEMBER OF THE WARSAW PACT= AND YUGOSLAVIA, A FOUNDING MEMBER OF THE NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT.

BUT WHEN ASKED ABOUT BULGARIA'S RELATIONS WITH TURKEY, THE ONE NEIGHBOR HE FAILED TO MENTION, ZHULEV RECALLED A TURKISH ACCUSATION THAT BULGARIA WAS SUPPRESSING ITS MOSLEM MINORITY.

ZHULEV SAID BULGARIA DID NOT INTERFERE WITH THE RELIGIOUS PREFERENCES OF ANY OF ITS PEOPLE.

"THERE IS NOT A SINGLE EXAMPLE OF VIOLATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN BULGARIA," HE SAID.

THE AMBASSADOR ATTRIBUTED THE ACCUSATIONS TO TURKISH NATIONALISM AND AN EXPANSIONIST APPROACH, AND SAID TURKEY HAD SIMILAR PROBLEMS IN ITS RELATIONS WITH GREECE AND CYPRUS.

"THERE IS NO TURKISH MINORITY" IN BULGARIA, HE SAID. "THERE IS A MOSLEM POPULATION. WE DON'T DISTINGUISH ON RELIGIONS."

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BULGARIA CLAIMS THE NAME CHANGES WERE VOLUNTARILY, AND SAYS THERE IS NO TURKISH MINORITY IN THE COUNTRY, ONLY BULGARIANS WHO WERE FORCED TO CONVERT TO THE MOSLEM RELIGION DURING HUNDREDS OF YEARS OF TURKISH RULE.

THE U.S. OFFICIALS, WHO SPOKE ON CONDITION OF ANONYMITY, ASCRIBED THE SLIGHT IMPROVEMENT IN RELATIONS IN PART TO THE END OF BICKERING OVER THE ALLEGED "BULGARIAN CONNECTION" IN THE 1981 ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT OF POPE JOHN PAUL II.

THREE BULGARIANS ON TRIAL FOR COMPLICITY IN THE SHOOTING WERE ACQUITTED MARCH 29, 1985 BECAUSE OF INSUFFICIENT EVIDENCE.

THE OFFICIALS SAID INCREASED BULGARIAN COOPERATION WITH U.S. NARCOTICS OFFICIALS FIGHTING DRUG TRAFFICKING IN THE BALKANS ALSO CONTRIBUTED TO BETTERING OF TIES.

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BULGARIA-WHITEHEAD

U.S. DEPUTY SECRETARY OF STATE ENDS EAST BLOC TOUR

VIENNA, AUSTRIA (AP) - U.S. DEPUTY SECRETARY OF STATE JOHN WHITEHEAD ENDED A VISIT TO BULGARIA FRIDAY, AFTER TELLING LEADERS THERE THAT IMPROVED TIES WITH WASHINGTON DEPENDS ON THE STATE OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE SOVIET BLOC COUNTRY, AMERICAN OFFICIALS SAID.

WHITEHEAD WAS TO FLY TO BRUSSELS, BELGIUM, TO BRIEF U.S. ALLIES ON HIS THREE-NATION SOVIET BLOC TOUR THAT ALSO INCLUDED POLAND AND CZECHOSLOVAKIA, THEY SAID.

IN A DEPARTURE STATEMENT READ ON THE PHONE FROM SOFIA BY U.S. EMBASSY SPOKESMAN STEVEN STRAIN, WHITEHEAD, NO. 2 IN THE STATE DEPARTMENT, SAID HUMAN RIGHTS FORMED A CENTRAL PART OF DISCUSSIONS WITH PRESIDENT TODOR ZHIVKOV AND OTHER COMMUNIST LEADERS.

"IN EVERY DISCUSSION I HAD WITH BULGARIAN OFFICIALS, I EMPHASIZED THE CENTRALITY OF HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUES TO AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY AND STRESSED THAT THIS WILL BE A KEY ELEMENT IN ANY DIALOGUE TO IMPROVE OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH BULGARIA," SAID THE STATEMENT.

U.S. OFFICIALS IN SOFIA SAID ON THE TELEPHONE THAT BILATERAL TIES HAVE SHOWN A SLIGHT IMPROVEMENT IN THE LAST TWO YEARS, DESPITE CONTINUING DISAGREEMENTS ON BULGARIA'S HUMAN RIGHTS RECORD.

WASHINGTON AND OTHER WESTERN NATIONS ACCUSE BULGARIA OF FORCIBLY ASSIMILATING ITS TURKISH MINORITY.

RICHARD SHIFTER, ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS, SAID IN WASHINGTON TUESDAY THAT ABOUT 10 PERCENT OF BULGARIA'S TURKS WERE FORCED TO ACCEPT SLAVIC NAMES BETWEEN 1984 AND 1985.

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SPORTS - WEIGHTLIFTER

SUSPENDED FOR ONE YEAR AFTER DEFECTING FROM BULGARIA
ATHENS, GREECE (AP) - THE INTERNATIONAL WEIGHTLIFTING
FEDERATION ON THURSDAY SUSPENDED FOR ONE YEAR A WORLD CHAMPION
BULGARIAN WEIGHTLIFTER WHO DEFECTED TO TURKEY LAST DECEMBER.

NEUM SHALAMANOV, 19, WAS BARRED FROM INTERNATIONAL
COMPETITION UNTIL DEC. 7, 1987, ONE YEAR AFTER HE VANISHED FROM A
TOURNAMENT IN AUSTRALIA AND LATER REQUESTED POLITICAL ASYLUM IN
TURKEY.

THE 21-MEMBER IWF EXECUTIVE BOARD UNANIMOUSLY REJECTED AN
APPEAL BY THE ATHLETE, WHOSE TURKISH NAME IS NAIM SULEYMANOGLU,
TO COMPETE IMMEDIATELY FOR TURKEY'S NATIONAL TEAM.

BUT THE FEDERATION SAID IT WOULD RECOMMEND TO THE
INTERNATIONAL OLYMPIC COMMITTEE THAT SHALAMANOV BE ALLOWED TO
COMPETE IN THE 1988 OLYMPICS IN SEOUL, SOUTH KOREA.

"IF A WEIGHTLIFTER EMIGRATES TO ANOTHER COUNTRY AND THERE
IS NO AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES, HE IS AUTOMATICALLY
SUSPENDED FOR ONE YEAR," SAID IWF PRESIDENT GODFREY SCHOEL OF
AUSTRIA.

THE BULGARIAN WEIGHTLIFTING FEDERATION HAD PROTESTED
SHALAMANOV'S REQUEST TO COMPETE FOR TURKEY.

THE 4-FOOT 9-INCH (1.43-METER) WEIGHTLIFTER DISAPPEARED FROM
A WORLD CUP TOURNAMENT IN MELBOURNE IN DECEMBER AFTER SETTING A
SNATCH WORLD RECORD IN THE 60-KILOGRAM (132-POUND) CATEGORY.

HE SURFACED A FEW DAYS LATER IN TURKEY AND ASKED FOR ASYLUM
CLAIMING THAT BULGARIAN AUTHORITIES HAD FORCED HIM TO CHANGE HIS
MOSLEM NAME, CLOSED MOSQUES AND BANNED SPOKEN TURKISH.

BULGARIA ALLEGEDLY HAS CARRIED OUT A FORCED ASSIMILATION OF
ITS ETHNIC TURKISH MINORITY, ESTIMATED ONE MILLION PEOPLE OR
ONE-TENTH OF THE COUNTRY'S POPULATION.

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BULGARIA-MOSLEMS;0213

DELEGATION TO STUDY CONDITIONS OF TURKISH MOSLEMS IN BULGARIA
JIDDA, SAUDI ARABIA (AP) - A DELEGATION FROM THE 46-NATION
ORGANIZATION OF THE ISLAMIC CONFERENCE WILL FLY TO BULGARIA NEXT
MONTH TO VISIT A TURKISH MOSLEM MINORITY LIVING IN THAT COUNTRY, AN
OIC OFFICIAL SAID MONDAY.

ISLAMIC GROUPINGS HAVE SHOWN CONCERN ABOUT REPORTS MOSLEMS IN
EAST EUROPEAN COUNTRIES ARE BEING FORCED TO CHANGE THEIR NAMES AND
REFRAIN FROM RELIGIOUS CEREMONIES.

THE OIC AND THE MECCA-BASED MUSLEM WORLD LEAGUE HAVE ISSUED
STATEMENTS URGING THE BULGARIAN GOVERNMENT TO HALT WHAT THEY TERMED
A "CAMPAIGN AGAINST MOSLEMS."

SHARIFUDDIN PIR ZADEH, SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE OIC, FORMED A
GROUP TO STUDY THE CONDITIONS OF THE TURKISH MOSLEMS IN BULGARIA
AFTER COMPLAINTS FROM TURKEY AND OTHER OIC MEMBERS DURING A JANUARY
1986 OIC MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE IN FEZ, MOROCCO.

THE GROUP VISITED TURKEY LAST YEAR AND MET MOSLEMS FROM
BULGARIA IN A PRELIMINARY PROBE INTO LIVING CONDITIONS FOR MOSLEMS
IN THAT EAST EUROPEAN COUNTRY.

AFTER ITS JUNE 1-3 TRIP TO BULGARIA, THE GROUP WAS EXPECTED TO
SUBMIT A REPORT TO THE OIC. THE REPORT WILL BE DISCUSSED AT THE
NEXT OIC MEETING, PROBABLY LATER THIS YEAR, THE OFFICIAL SAID. HE
DID NOT WANT TO BE IDENTIFIED.

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WHEN THE BULGARIANS ANNOUNCED THE SECOND DATE FOR THE GROUP TO ARRIVE, NASEEF HAD ALREADY A PRIOR COMMITMENT AT A MEETING OF THE MUSLIN WORLD LEAGUE TAKING PLACE AT THE SAME TIME, HE EXPLAINED.

BTA SAID THE GROUP WILL HAVE TALKS AT THE FOREIGN MINISTRY WITH THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE ON QUESTIONS OF THE BULGARIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH AND OF RELIGIOUS CULTS, WITH THE CHIEF MUFTY, WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ORTHODOX CHURCH AND "OTHER CLERGYMEN."

THEY WILL ALSO VISIT MOSQUES AND SIGHTS IN SOFIA AND ELSEWHERE IN BULGARIA, BTA SAID.

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BULGARIA-MOSLEMS

ISLAMIC CONFERENCE STUDIES MOSLEM PROBLEM IN SOFIA

VIENNA; BULGARIA (AP) - A FOUR-MEMBER DELEGATION OF THE 46-NATION ORGANIZATION OF THE ISLAMIC CONFERENCE (OIC) ARRIVED IN SOFIA, BULGARIA, MONDAY TO LOOK INTO COMPLAINTS ABOUT DISCRIMINATION OF BULGARIA'S ESTIMATED 900,000 MUSLIMS.

THE STATE-RUN BTA NEWS AGENCY REPORTED THE ARRIVAL OF THE GROUP, LED BY ABDULLAH OMAR NASEEF, SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE WORLD MUSLIM LEAGUE, BUT DID NOT GIVE THE REASON FOR THE VISIT.

NASEEF, WHO WAS REACHED BY TELEPHONE, SAID THE CONTACT GROUP HE HEADS WAS ON A FACT-FINDING MISSION AND WOULD REPORT TO THE OIC AFTERWARD, BUT DID NOT GIVE OTHER DETAILS.

HE IDENTIFIED THE OTHER DELEGATION MEMBERS AS OMAR JAH, GAMBIA'S AMBASSADOR TO SAUDI ARABIA; SAIDUZZAHMAN SIDDIQI, JUDGE OF THE HIGH COURT IN THE SIND PROVINCE OF PAKISTAN; AND AHMED ATRIB, AN ADVISER TO SHARIFUDDIN PIR ZADEH, THE OIC SECRETARY GENERAL.

ACCORDING TO WESTERN DIPLOMATS, PRACTICALLY ALL ETHNIC TURKS LIVING IN BULGARIA, THE BULK OF MUSLIM BELIEVERS, WERE FORCED THE CHANGE THEIR NAMES IN A BULGARIZATION CAMPAIGN IN 1985 AND 1986.

BTA SAID THE VISIT WAS TO HAVE TAKEN PLACE ON JULY 20, 1986, BUT WAS POSTPONED FOR UNKNOWN REASONS. A SECOND DATE FOR THE VISIT, NOV. 17, 1986, WAS AGAIN DEFERRED FOR "INEVITABLE CIRCUMSTANCES."

HOWEVER, THE OFFICIAL BULGARIAN VERSION DIFFERED FROM WHAT NASEEF TOLD THE ASSOCIATED PRESS.

NASEEF SAID THE FIRST TIME THE BULGARIAN GOVERNMENT ONLY WANTED TO ACCEPT THE OIC OFFICIALS AS INDIVIDUALS, NOT AS A GROUP, WHICH WAS REJECTED BY THE ORGANIZATION OF THE ISLAMIC CONFERENCE.

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LEAD BULGARIA-MOSLEMS

EDS: CORRECTS DATELINE TO AUSTRIA

VIENNA, AUSTRIA (AP) - A FOUR-MEMBER DELEGATION OF THE
46-NATION ORGANIZATION OF THE ISLAMIC CONFERENCE (OIC) ARRIVED IN
SOFIA, BULGARIA, MONDAY TO LOOK INTO COMPLAINTS ABOUT
DISCRIMINATION OF BULGARIA'S ESTIMATED 900,000 MUSLIMS.

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BULGARIA-MOSLEMS

ISLAMIC CONFERENCE ENDS FACT-FINDING MISSION TO BULGARIA

VIENNA, AUSTRIA (AP) - DELEGATES SENT TO BULGARIA BY THE

ORGANIZATION OF THE ISLAMIC CONFERENCE TO LOOK AT ALLEGED
MISTREATMENT OF MOSLEMS WDED THEIR VISIT TO THE SOVIET BLOC COUNTRY
WEDNESDAY BUT DECLINED TO DISCUSS THEIR FINDINGS.

ABDULLAH OMAR NASEEF, THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE WORLD MOSLEM
LEAGUE WHO HEADED THE DELEGATION, SAID IN A TELEPHONE CALL FROM
SOFIA, BULGARIA, THAT IT WOULD BE PREMATURE TO COMMENT.

ABOUT 10 PERCENT OF BULGARIA'S NINE MILLION PEOPLE ARE MOSLEMS.
TURKEY AND WESTERN COUNTRIES SAY MOST OF THEM ARE ETHNIC TURKS WHO
WERE RECENTLY FORCED BY AUTHORITIES TO ADAPT SLAVIC NAMES AND
CUSTOMS.

BULGARIA DENIES THE EXISTENCE OF AN ETHNIC TURKISH COMMUNITY.
CLAIMING THOSE WITH TURKISH NAMES ACTUALLY ARE SLAVS WHO ADAPTED TO
CENTURIES OF OTTOMAN RULE IN THE COUNTRY.

NASEEF SAID HE COULD NOT DIVULGE DETAILS ABOUT THE VISIT UNTIL
A DOCUMENT HAS BEEN DRAWN UP. HE SAID "THE RECEPTION ... WAS VERY
GOOD," WITH THE TERM ABLE TO TALK TO "A FEW" MEMBERS OF THE
MOSLEM COMMUNITY WHO WERE NOT PICKED BY OFFICIALS.

THE ORGANIZATION OF THE ISLAMIC CONFERENCE REPRESENTS 46
NATIONS. THE DELEGATION ARRIVED MONDAY.

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GREECE-BULGARIA

PAPANDREOU LEAVES FOR ONE-DAY VISIT TO SOFIA

ATHENS, GREECE (AP) - PREMIER ANDREAS PAPANDREOU LEFT WEDNESDAY FOR A ONE-DAY VISIT TO SOFIA AND TALKS WITH BULGARIAN LEADER TODOR ZHIVKOV.

THE TALKS WERE EXPECTED TO INCLUDE PAPANDREOU'S STALLED PLAN FOR A NUCLEAR-FREE ZONE IN THE BALKANS AND A RECENT BULGARIAN PROPOSAL FOR INTER-BALKAN COOPERATION AGAINST ENVIRONMENTAL POLLUTION, GREEK OFFICIALS SAID.

PAPANDREOU LAST VISITED SOFIA IN SEPTEMBER 1986, WHEN HE SIGNED A GREEK-BULGARIAN FRIENDSHIP PACT THAT PROVOKED CRITICISM FROM NATO OFFICIALS. GREECE IS A NATO-MEMBER WHILE BULGARIA IS THE SOVIET UNION'S STAUNCHEST WARSAW PACT ALLY.

THE PACT, WHICH CALLS FOR MUTUAL CONSULTATION IN FACE OF AN OUTSIDE THREAT WAS ACTIVATED LAST MARCH WHEN GREEK FOREIGN MINISTER CARLOS PAPADULIAS FLEW TO SOFIA DURING A GREEK-TURKISH CRISIS OVER OIL-DRILLING RIGHTS IN THE AEGEAN SEA.

BULGARIA SUPPORTS PAPANDREOU'S PROPOSAL TO DENUCLERRIZE THE BALKAN PENINSULA, BUT OBJECTIONS BY NATO-MEMBER TURKEY HAVE BLOCKED ITS PROGRESS.

PAPANDREOU WAS RETURNING TO ATHENS WEDNESDAY EVENING.

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ZHOLEV SAID TURKEY WAS "EXPLOITING" THE SITUATION TO DISTRACT ATTENTION FROM ITS TREATMENT OF KURDS AND OTHER MINORITIES.

THE VISIT OF THE BULGARIAN DELEGATION HEADED BY GOTZEV WAS PART OF AN EFFORT BY THE SOVIET ALLY TO IMPROVE ITS RELATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES.

DEPUTY SECRETARY OF STATE JOHN WHITEHEAD VISITED SOFIA LAST WINTER, AND RIDGWAY WENT THERE LAST YEAR.

BULGARIA HAS TAKEN A LEADING ROLE IN EFFORTS TO REDUCE NUCLEAR WEAPONS AND IMPROVE EAST-WEST RELATIONS. IT ALSO IS TRYING TO IMPROVE ITS ECONOMY THROUGH JOINT VENTURES WITH AMERICAN FIRMS AND BY LOOSENING CENTRAL CONTROL.

EIGHT NEW BANKS WERE ESTABLISHED IN THE LAST 10 TO 15 DAYS, GOTZEV SAID.

"WE ARE PAYING MUCH MORE ATTENTION TO MARKET FORCES AND PRICES, RATHER THAN TO BUREAUCRACY," THE DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER SAID.

HE DESCRIBED U.S.-BULGARIAN RELATIONS AS NORMAL, BUT SAID, "THAT'S NOT ENOUGH."

GOTZEV SAID ONE OF THE PRINCIPAL ITEMS ON HIS AGENDA WAS SEEKING U.S. SUPPORT FOR BULGARIA'S ADMISSION TO THE GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE, THE GENEVA-BASED ORGANIZATION WHICH TRIES TO ENFORCE RULES FOR WORLD TRADE.

"WE ARE LISTENING CAREFULLY TO BULGARIAN ARGUMENTS ON THIS POINT," THE STATE DEPARTMENT SAID.

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US ACCUSES BULGARIA OF FORCIBLE ASSIMILATION OF TURKISH
MINORITY

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WASHINGTON (AP) - THE STATE DEPARTMENT ACCUSED BULGARIA OF THE
FORCIBLE ASSIMILATION OF THE EAST EUROPEAN COUNTRY'S TURKISH
MINORITY AS TALKS OPENED MONDAY WITH A HIGH-LEVEL DELEGATION FROM
SOFIA.

"THE FORCIBLE ASSIMILATION OF BULGARIA'S TURKISH MINORITY IS A
TOPIC IN THESE MEETINGS, AS IT HAS BEEN IN EVERY HIGH-LEVEL
U.S.-BULGARIAN CONTACT SINCE THE ASSIMILATION CAMPAIGN BEGAN IN
DECEMBER 1984," THE DEPARTMENT SAID.

"THE U.S. POSITION HAS NOT CHANGED: THIS CAMPAIGN IS AN
UNCONSCIONABLE VIOLATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS."

THE STATEMENT WAS ISSUED BY STATE DEPARTMENT SPOKESWOMAN
PHYLLIS OAKLEY IN RESPONSE TO A REPORTER'S INQUIRY AFTER THE
BULGARIAN DELEGATION HAD MET WITH ROZANNE L. RIDGWAY, THE ASSISTANT
SECRETARY FOR EUROPEAN AFFAIRS.

SHE AND MICHAEL H. ARMACOST, UNDERSECRETARY OF STATE FOR
POLITICAL AFFAIRS, WERE TO HOLD FURTHER TALKS WITH THE DELEGATION
TUESDAY.

THEY ARE DISCUSSING ECONOMIC ISSUES AS WELL AS HUMAN RIGHTS AND
CULTURAL TOPICS.

EARLIER, BULGARIAN DIPLOMATS DENIED THE ACCUSATIONS LODGED
AGAINST THE SOFIA GOVERNMENT OVER THE PAST FEW YEARS. DEPUTY
FOREIGN MINISTER LJUBEN GOTZEV AND AMBASSADOR STOYAN L. ZHULEV SAID
BULGARIANS OF TURKISH DESCENT WERE FREE TO PRACTICE THEIR MOSLEM
RELIGION AND WERE NOT SUPPRESSED.

"WE ARE TRYING TO DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO CALM DOWN THE
TURKISH SITUATION," GOTZEV TOLD A NEWS CONFERENCE. HE SAID THE
ISSUE SHOULD BE RESOLVED BETWEEN THE TURKISH AND BULGARIAN
GOVERNMENTS.

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'IT'S WRONG TO CONSIDER THESE PEOPLE TURKISH. THEIR FOREFATHERS WERE SIMPLY FORCED TO BECOME MOSLEMS,' SAID A BULGARIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL, WHO SPOKE ON CONDITION HIS NAME NOT BE USED.

BULGARIAN AUTHORITIES APPEAR TO BE CARRYING OUT A POLICY OF GRADUALLY ERADICATING THE REMNANTS OF THE COUNTRY'S MOSLEM HERITAGE, SOME WESTERN DIPLOMATS SAY.

SPEAKING TURKISH PUBLICLY IS PUNISHABLE WITH A 20-LEV (17-DOLLAR) FINE BY A MUNICIPAL COURT. IN SOME AREAS, WOMEN ARE ORDERED NOT TO WEAR THE TRADITIONAL BAGGY TURKISH TROUSERS KNOWN AS 'SHALVARI.'

THE NOVA SVETLINA NEWSPAPER, WHICH USED TO CONTAIN ARTICLES IN TURKISH, NOW APPEARS ONLY IN BULGARIAN.

ANALYSTS BELIEVE THAT EFFORTS TO TRANSFORM THE ETHNIC TURISH MINORITY INTO BULGARIANS REFLECT THE COMMUNIST LEADERSHIP'S FEAR THAT A GROWING TURKISH POPULATION EVENTUALLY COULD THREATEN POLITICAL STABILITY.

ALTHOUGH BULGARIAN CENSUS RETURNS HAVEN'T LISTED MINORITIES SINCE 1965, AN ANALYSIS OF REGIONAL POPULATION DISTRIBUTION SHOWS BIRTHS RISING ONLY IN AREAS INHABITED BY ETHNIC TURKS.

ETHNIC TURKS ARE MOSTLY WHEAT FARMERS IN NORTHEASTERN BULGARIA AND TOBACCO GROWERS IN THE SOUTH NEAR THE BORDER WITH GREECE. TOBACCO IS THE COUNTRY'S BIGGEST EXPORT EARNER.

WHILE BULGARIA REJECTS TALKS WITH TURKEY ON THE MINORITY PROBLEM AS INTERFERENCE IN ITS DOMESTIC AFFAIRS, A SENIOR BULGARIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL SAID THE ISSUE SHOULDN'T DISRUPT RELATIONS ANY LONGER.

'BUSINESS IS BUSINESS AND WE NEED GOOD NEIGHBORLY RELATIONS WITH TURKEY -- BUT ON THE BASIS OF EXISTING REALITIES,' THE OFFICIAL, LUBOMIR SHOPOV, SAID.

ALTHOUGH THE FORCED ASSIMILATION CAMPAIGN ENDED IN MARCH 1985, BULGARIAN OFFICIALS STILL ARE REBUFFING CHARGES THAT AROSE FROM IT.

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REPORTING

BULGARIA CONTINUES MEASURES AGAINST TURKISH MINORITY

AN AP BACKGROUND REPORT

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SOFIA, BULGARIA (AP) - THE BANYA BACHI MOSQUE IN THE CENTER OF THE BULGARIAN CAPITAL STANDS LOCKED DURING FRIDAY NOON PRAYER TIME WHILE A HALF DOZEN ELDERLY MEN SIT ON THE GRASS OUTSIDE, SILENTLY WATCHING THE LUNCHTIME RUSH-HOUR CROWD.

TWO YEARS AFTER THE COUNTRY'S 900,000 ETHNIC TURKS -- SLIGHTLY MORE THAN 10 PERCENT OF THE POPULATION -- WERE FORCIBLY ASSIMILATED, A BAN ON SPEAKING TURKISH IN PUBLIC REMAINS IN EFFECT AND MOSLEM WORSHIP IS OFFICIALLY DISCOURAGED, RESIDENTS SAY.

DURING THE 1984-85 ASSIMILATION CAMPAIGN, THE ETHNIC TURKS WERE GIVEN BULGARIAN NAMES IN WHAT COMMUNIST OFFICIALS CALLED "A PROCESS OF NATIONAL REGENERATION."

THE CAMPAIGN TRIGGERED SHARP WESTERN CRITICISM AND ANGRY EXCHANGES WITH NEIGHBORING TURKEY. ACCORDING TO THE HUMAN RIGHTS ORGANIZATION AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL, MORE THAN 100 ETHNIC TURKS WERE KILLED FOR REFUSING NEW IDENTITIES.

THE OFFICIAL SOFIA PRESS AGENCY HELD A NEWS CONFERENCE LAST MONTH TO CHALLENGE THE 1986 REPORT BY AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL THAT LISTED THE NAMES OF ETHNIC TURKS ALLEGEDLY KILLED FOR RESISTING ASSIMILATION.

A 36-PAGE STATEMENT FROM THE AGENCY IN ENGLISH CLAIMS THAT BULGARIAN REPORTERS EARLIER THIS YEAR CHECKED OUT THE NAMES AND FOUND THAT "THE LIST OF THOSE KILLED ABOUNDS IN NAMES OF PEOPLE WHO SIMPLY DON'T EXIST."

NOW THE GOVERNMENT DENIES THE EXISTENCE OF AN ETHNIC TURKISH MINORITY AND CLAIMS THAT THE COUNTRY'S MOSLEM-BORN INHABITANTS ARE DESCENDANTS OF BULGARIANS WHO WERE CONVERTED TO ISLAM DURING 500 YEARS OF OTTOMAN RULE.

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VIENNA - BULGARIA-TURKEY 2

THE VIENNA CONFERENCE WAS CONVENED TO REVIEW COMPLIANCE WITH THE STIPULATIONS OF THE ACCORDS. WESTERN NATIONS ARE PARTICULARLY CONCERNED WITH HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS IN THE EAST EUROPEAN COUNTRIES.

DEZGUEL SAID BULGARIAN AUTHORITIES HAVE BEEN "FOR SOME TIME NOW TAMPERING WITH OFFICIAL RECORDS AND THUS CHANGING THE NAMES OF THE ANCESTORS OF TURKS AS WELL AS THE NAMES OF THOSE WHO EMIGRATED TO TURKEY."

EVEN THE NAMES OF THE DEAD ARE CHANGED IN DEATH REGISTERS AND ON TOMBSTONES, HE SAID.

NAMES OF VILLAGES AND TRAIN STATIONS ARE ALSO BEING CHANGED, DEZGUEL TOLD A CLOSED PLENARY SESSION. A COPY OF HIS SPEECH WAS MADE AVAILABLE TO JOURNALISTS.

HE SAID TURKS ARE BANNED FROM USING THEIR LANGUAGE OR LISTENING TO TURKISH MUSIC.

"THE OBSTRUCTION OF ALL FORMS OF RELIGIOUS PRACTICE, EDUCATION, INCLUDING THE OBSERVANCE OF ISLAMIC RITES CONTINUE UNABATED," HE ADDED.

DEZGUEL SAID MOSQUES ARE UNDER POLICE SURVEILLANCE AND PRAYERS FROM THE MOSQUE ARE PROHIBITED. HE ADDED, HOWEVER THAT THE MAJORITY OF MOSQUES ARE CLOSED OR USED AS WAREHOUSES, CAFETERIAS OR BARBERSHOPS.

BULGARIAN HANDLING OF FAMILY REUNIFICATION IS "AGONIZINGLY" SLOW, DEZGUEL SAID, ADDING THAT OF 157 CHILDREN WHO APPLIED TO BE REUNITED WITH THEIR PARENTS IN JULY 1986, ONLY 22 HAVE SO FAR BEEN GRANTED PERMISSION TO JOIN THEIR PARENTS IN TURKEY. NONE OF 33 DIVIDED SPOUSES HAS YET BEEN ALLOWED TO EMIGRATE, HE SAID.

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BULGARIA-TURKEY

BULGARIAN CAMPAIGN TO ASSIMILATE TURKS CONTINUES= TURKISH
DIPLOMAT TO HELSINKI CONFERENCE

VIENNA, AUSTRIA (AP) - THE TURKISH CHIEF DELEGATE TO A EUROPEAN
CONFERENCE ON SECURITY AND COOPERATION SAID FRIDAY THAT BULGARIA'S
CAMPAIGN TO ASSIMILATE ITS TURKISH MINORITY INCLUDES CHANGING THE
NAMES OF THE DEAD IN DEATH REGISTERS AND ON TOMBSTONES.

HALUK DEZGUEL, HEAD OF THE TURKISH DELEGATION, SAID BULGARIA
'PERSISTS IN ITS OPPRESSIVE POLICIES, DESIGNED TO SUPPRESS THE
NATIONAL, CULTURAL AND RELIGIOUS IDENTITY OF THE BULGARIANS OF
TURKISH ORIGIN.'

IN 1984, BULGARIAN AUTHORITIES BEGAN TO FORCE THE 10 PERCENT OF
THE POPULATION ESTIMATED TO BE OF TURKISH ORIGIN TO ADOPT BULGARIAN
NAMES.

BULGARIA DENIES THAT ETHNIC TURKS ARE SUPPRESSED AND MAINTAINS
THEY ARE ALSO FREE TO PRACTICE THEIR MOSLEM RELIGION.

DEZGUEL, HOWEVER, SAID TURKS WHO DEFEND THEIR RIGHTS ARE
MISTREATED, HARASSED, IMPRISONED OR FORCIBLY RESETTLED.

HE SAID BULGARIA HAS NOT TAKEN ANY STEPS TO IMPROVE ITS HUMAN
RIGHTS RECORD BY ENDING THE 'PERSECUTION' OF THE TURKISH MINORITY
SINCE THE CONFERENCE BEGAN LAST NOVEMBER. IF IT HAD, DEZGUEL SAID,
TURKEY WOULD HAVE BEEN THE FIRST TO APPLAUD BULGARIA'S EFFORTS.

DELEGATES TO THE CONFERENCE COME FROM THE 35 STATES -- THE
UNITED STATES, CANADA, THE SOVIET UNION AND ALL EUROPEAN STATES
EXCEPT ALBANIA -- THAT SIGNED THE 1975 HELSINKI ACCORDS ON MILITARY
SECURITY, ECONOMIC COOPERATION AND HUMANITARIAN ISSUES.

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VIENNA - BULGARIA-ATTACK 2

THE WEEKLY, IDENTIFYING THE THREE KIDNAPPERS ONLY AS ANTONOV, NIKOLOV AND ASSENOV, SAID THEY KIDNAPPED NIKOLAI PETKOV, 15 AND DARIN HRISTOV, 12 IN THEIR HOME TOWN OF TOBULKHIN ON THE PRETENCE OF ASKING DIRECTIONS.

THE KIDNAPPERS THEN DROVE WITH THE CHILDREN TO THE RESORT TOWN SOME 100 KILOMETERS (70 MILES) AWAY. THE HOTEL WRITER SPECULATED THAT THEY WANTED TO GAIN THE ATTENTION OF THE FOREIGN TOURISTS THERE, THE PAPER SAID.

POLICE ESCORTED THE CAR OUT OF THE RESORT AT ABOUT 8 P.M. (17 GMT) THAT NIGHT, THE PAPER REPORTED, BUT IT WAS NOT UNTIL THE FOLLOWING EVENING THAT POLICE WERE ABLE TO FREE THE CHILDREN.

PETKOV THREW HIMSELF OUT OF THE CAR WINDOW WHEN THE KIDNAPPER IN THE BACK SEAT OF THE CAR THREW A LIVE HAND GRENADE INTO THE FRONT SEAT, THE PAPER REPORTED.

HRISTOV, WHO WAS UNABLE TO ESCAPE, WAS APPARENTLY INJURED WHEN THE GRENADE EXPLODED INSIDE THE CAR. BTA HAD REPORTED HIS LEFT LEG MIGHT HAVE TO BE AMPUTATED, BUT SOFIA NEWS QUOTED THE BOY'S MOTHER AS SAYING IT WOULD NOT BE NECESSARY.

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BULGARIA-ATTACK

SOFIA NEWS PUBLISHES DETAILS OF KIDNAPPING ON BLACK SEA COAST
VIENNA: AUSTRIA (AP) - THE BULGARIAN WEEKLY SOFIA NEWS HAS
PUBLISHED DETAILS OF A DRAMATIC KIDNAPPING THAT ENDED WITH A
GRENADE THROWING SPREE ON THE BLACK SEA COAST, BUT STILL GAVE NO
MOTIVES FOR THE KIDNAPPING.

TRAVELERS ARRIVING IN YUGOSLAVIA FROM BULGARIA HAVE SAID THE
THREE KIDNAPPERS WERE TURKS TRYING TO PRESS CLAIMS TO EMIGRATE.

WESTERN DIPLOMATS IN SOFIA, ASKED TO COMMENT ON THIS REPORT,
SAID IT WAS A WIDESPREAD RUMOR, BUT THERE HAD BEEN NO OFFICIAL
CONFIRMATION.

THE BULGARIAN STATE NEWS AGENCY BTA AND BULGARIAN TELEVISION
HAD REPORTED EARLIER THAT ALL THREE MEN WHO HAD KIDNAPPED TWO
CHILDREN HAD DIED AND ONE CHILD WAS SERIOUSLY INJURED AFTER
ANTI-TERRORIST UNITS ACTED TO FREE THE KIDNAPPED CHILDREN.

THREE BYSTANDERS AT THE INTERNATIONAL HOTEL IN THE GOLDEN SANDS
RESORT NEAR VARNNA WHERE THE INCIDENT TOOK PLACE WERE ALSO INJURED.

IN ITS JULY 15 EDITION RECEIVED IN VIENNA SATURDAY, THE SOFIA
NEWS PUBLISHED A BLOW-BY-BLOW ACCOUNT OF THE ORDEAL AS WELL AS
INTERVIEWS WITH WITNESSES TO THE GRENADE THROWING SPREE IN FRONT OF
THE HOTEL.

NIKOLAI IVANOV, A 22-YEAR-OLD WAITER AT THE HOTEL WAS INJURED
BY FLYING DEBRIS WHEN THE THIRD OF THREE GRENADES THROWN BY THE
KIDNAPPERS FROM THEIR CAR EXPLODED, THE WEEKLY SAID.

A 39-YEAR-OLD EAST GERMAN MAN IDENTIFIED BY THE PAPER AS UWE
ZAHN WAS HIT IN THE BACK AND MIKHAIL ALEKSEYEVICH ANDREEV, A
RUSSIAN TOURIST, WAS MORE SERIOUSLY WOUNDED IN THE ABDOMEN, THE
PAPER SAID.

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SPORTS - WRESTLERS-BULGARIANS:0289

THREE BULGARIAN WRESTLERS ASK PERMISSION TO REMAIN IN CANADA
BURNABY, BRITISH COLUMBIA (AP) - THREE BULGARIAN WRESTLERS
WHO DISAPPEARED FROM A WORLD TOURNAMENT DURING THE WEEKEND HAVE
ASKED FOR PERMISSION TO REMAIN IN CANADA.

''WE'VE TAKEN THEIR REQUEST AND FORWARDED IT TO OTTAWA,''
IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN JIM PASMAN SAID WEDNESDAY
NIGHT.

PASMAN SAID THE THREE WERE IN THE VANCOUVER AREA AND WERE
INTERVIEWED BY DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS TUESDAY NIGHT. HE SAID HE
BELIEVES THE THREE WILL APPLY FOR REFUGEE STATUS IN
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SPORTS - BULGARIAN WRESTLER, 0252

BULGARIAN WRESTLER NOT ON TEAM'S FLIGHT HOME

VANCOUVER, BRITISH COLUMBIA (AP) - A BULGARIAN WRESTLER DID NOT GO HOME WITH HIS TEAM ON SUNDAY, BUT OFFICIALS WEREN'T CALLING HIS ABSENCE A DEFECTION TO THE WEST.

"WE CAN'T JUMP TO THE CONCLUSION THAT THERE HAS BEEN A DEFECTION," SAID RAY MUNSIE, AN OFFICIAL OF THE WORLD JUNIOR WRESTLING CHAMPIONSHIPS.

LAST WEEK, THREE MEMBERS OF THE BULGARIAN GRECO-ROMAN WRESTLING TEAM TOLD IMMIGRATION OFFICIALS THEY WANTED TO STAY IN CANADA.

THE MISSING BULGARIAN WAS IDENTIFIED AS ILIA MITEV, A FREESTYLE WRESTLER WHO PLACED FIFTH IN THE 48-KILOGRAM CLASS, SAID MUNSIE, COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR OF THE MEET THAT ENDED SATURDAY.

IMMIGRATION SPOKESMAN JIM PASMAN SAID HE HAD HEARD NOTHING OFFICIALLY ABOUT MITEV AND THE WRESTLER HAD MADE NO CONTACT WITH IMMIGRATION OFFICIALS.

IMMIGRATION AUTHORITIES WOULD NOT BECOME INVOLVED UNTIL MITEV'S VISITOR'S STATUS EXPIRES OR HE CONTACTS THEM, PASMAN SAID.

THE REMAINDER OF THE BULGARIAN FREESTYLE TEAM OF NINE WRESTLERS AND OFFICIALS LEFT VANCOUVER ON SUNDAY.

THE THREE WRESTLERS WHO SAID TUESDAY THEY WANTED TO STAY IN CANADA -- KRASSIMIR KRASTEV, 20= ANGUEL ANGUELOV, 19= AND JOVKO DJITLARSKY, 20 -- ARE LIVING AT AN UNDISCLOSED LOCATION WITH A VANCOUVER FAMILY. THEY REFUSED TO TALK TO THEIR COACH BUT AGREED TO TALK WITH A BULGARIAN EMBASSY OFFICIAL.

CHAVDAR GEORGIEV, SECOND SECRETARY AT THE BULGARIAN EMBASSY IN OTTAWA, WAS TO FLY TO VANCOUVER AS SOON AS A MEETING COULD BE ARRANGED.

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SPORTS - VANCOUVER - WRESTLING-BULGARIANS 2,0081

ALL FOUR WRESTLERS HAD VISITOR'S VISAS, ALLOWING THEM TO STAY

IN CANADA BEYOND 1

ALONG WITH OTHER FREESTYLE WRESTLERS WHO ARRIVED LAST WEEK, HAD
THEIR DOCUMENTS CONFISCATED AFTER THE FIRST THREE DISAPPEARED.

JIM PASMAN, SPO

SAID MONDAY HE HAD NO INFORMATION ON MITEV, WHOM HE SAID WOULDN'T
COME TO OFFICIAL NOTICE UNTIL HE HAD BEEN REPORTED MISSING.

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SPORTS - WRESTLING-BULGARIANS;0273

VANCOUVER, BRITISH

BULGARIAN WRESTLING TEAM TO LEAVE THE SQUAD DURING A WORLD JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP MEET IS PLANNING TO GO TO TURKEY; A TURKISH JOURNALIST SAID.

DOGAN ULUC, A REPORTER FOR THE TURKISH NEWSPAPER HAKKIYET, SAID ILIA MITEV, WHO DISAPPEARED BEFORE THE MEET ENDED SATURDAY NIGHT,

WOULD BE GRANTED ASYLUM IN

DOCUMENTS ENABLING HIM TO TRAVEL TO TURKEY.

"HE DID NOT GET ASYLUM YET BUT HE TALKED TO THE TURKISH

AMBASSADOR (TO CANADA) TODAY," ULUC SAID MONDAY. "

WELCOMED HIM."

MITEV WAS STAYING WITH FRIENDS IN THE VANCOUVER AREA BUT

PLANNED TO LEAVE FOR TURKEY IN A FEW DAYS

CONFERENCE WAS SCHEDULED TUESDAY TO OUTLINE MITEV'S REASONS FOR

SEEKING ASYLUM IN

ULUC SAID MITEV WAS NOT THE WRESTLER'S REAL NAME, LENDING CREDENCE TO EARLIER SPECULATION HE WAS A BULGARIAN OF TURKISH

EXTRACTION.

MITEV DID NOT JOIN THE REMAINING MEMBERS OF THE WRESTLING TEAM WHEN THEY FLEW BACK TO BULGARIA ON SUNDAY, BRINGING TO FOUR THE

NUMBER OF BULGARIAN

THREE MEMBERS OF THE GRECO-ROMAN WRESTLING SQUAD LEFT THEIR QUARTERS THROUGH A WINDOW AUG. 8 AND HAVE ASKED TO STAY IN CANADA.

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ANGUELOV, 19, AND JOUKO DJITLARSKY, 20, ARE LIVING WITH A CANADIAN FAMILY IN THE VANCOUVER AREA.

THERE HAVE BEEN CONFLICTING REPORTS THE FOUR YOUNG ARE ETHNIC TURKS FLEEING CULTURAL AND RELIGIOUS PERSECUTION IN BULGARIA, A COMMUNIST-BLOC COUNTRY BORDERED BY TURKEY, GREECE AND YUGOSLAVIA.

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TURKEY-BULGARIA

ARRIVAL OF BULGARIAN ATHLETE WHO DEFECTED
ISTANBUL, TURKEY (AP) - A BULGARIAN WRESTLER ARRIVED IN TURKEY
ON SATURDAY, A WEEK AFTER HE ASKED TURKISH EMBASSY OFFICIALS IN
CANADA FOR POLITICAL ASYLUM.

ILIA MITEV DEFECTED IN VANCOUVER, BRITISH COLUMBIA, DURING A
WORLD JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP.

MITEV, WHOSE ORIGINAL NAME AS AN ETHNIC TURK IS ILYAS SUKRUOGLU,
TOLD REPORTERS AT ATATURK AIRPORT AFTER HIS ARRIVAL THAT HE DECIDED
TO FLEE BULGARIA TWO YEARS AGO WHEN AUTHORITIES THERE CHANGED HIS
NAME TO A SLAVIC ONE.

MITEV BECAME THE SECOND BULGARIAN ATHLETE WHO SOUGHT REFUGE IN
TURKEY TO PROTEST BULGARIA'S FORCED ASSIMILATION CAMPAIGN AGAINST
ITS ETHNIC-TURKISH COMMUNITY.

A WORLD CHAMPION WEIGHTLIFTER, NAIM SULEYMANOGLU, ARRIVED HERE
IN DECEMBER AFTER HIS DEFECTION IN AUSTRALIA.

BULGARIA CONTENTS THAT THE NAME CHANGES ARE VOLUNTARY.

AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL, A LONDON-BASED ORGANIZATION WHICH
MONITORS HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS, SAID LAST YEAR THAT MORE THAN 100
ETHNIC TURKS HAVE BEEN KILLED RESISTING NAME CHANGES IN BULGARIA.

AN ESTIMATED 1 MILLION ETHNIC TURKS CONSTITUTE BULGARIA'S
LARGEST ETHNIC MINORITY, ABOUT 10 PERCENT OF THE TOTAL POPULATION.

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VIENNA - BULGARIA - U.S. 2

HE ADDED THAT ESCORTING BULGARIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY AND SECURITY OFFICIALS "HAD (THROWN) A KIND OF 'CORDON SANITAIRE' AROUND THEM (THE VISITORS) TO MAKE SURE THEY DID NOT MEET ANYBODY" WHO WOULD COMPLAIN ABOUT GOVERNMENT POLICIES AFFECTING THEIR COMMUNITY.

HOYER, WHILE EXPRESSING THANKS FOR BULGARIAN HOSPITALITY, REPORTEDLY COMPLAINED THREE TIMES THAT HE HAD FAILED TO TALK TO THE PEOPLE HE HAD WANTED TO MEET.

THE AMERICAN LAWMAKERS DID, HOWEVER, MEET WITH A BULGARIAN WOMAN WHO WAS CONCERNED ABOUT HER HUSBAND'S ABILITY TO LEAVE TURKEY AND JOIN HIS FAMILY IN BULGARIA, SAID THE WESTERN DIPLOMAT.

HE SAID THE AMERICAN VISITORS BRIEFLY MENTIONED THE TURKISH ISSUE IN A MEETING THEY HAD PRIOR TO THEIR DEPARTURE ON FRIDAY WITH BULGARIAN PRESIDENT AND COMMUNIST PARTY LEADER TODOR ZHIUKOV. NO DETAILS OF THAT MEETING WERE KNOWN.

THE CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION ARRIVED IN SOFIA LATE WEDNESDAY FROM BUCHAREST, ROMANIA.

THEY ALSO MET IN SOFIA WITH NATIONAL ASSEMBLY CHAIRMAN STANKO TODOROV, ONE OF THE PRINCIPAL BISHOPS OF THE BULGARIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH, AS WELL AS BULGARIA'S GRAND MUFTI MIRAN TOPCHEV, WHOM THE DIPLOMAT DESCRIBED AS "BOUGHT AND PAID FOR" BY THE GOVERNMENT.

THE STATE-RUN BULGARIAN NEWS AGENCY BTA'S ACCOUNT THURSDAY OF THE U.S. DELEGATION'S VISIT WAS ESSENTIALLY DIFFERENT.

IT SAID IN KARDZHALI, THE GUESTS "SPOKE WITH INHABITANTS OF THE TOWN AND VISITED PRIVATE HOUSES."

IT QUOTED HOYER AS SAYING, "THE PEOPLE OF KURDZHALI ARE VERY FRIENDLY AND WE WERE GIVEN A WARM WELCOME. WE HOPE OUR VISIT WILL CONTRIBUTE TO BETTER MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING AND TO THE PROMOTION OF THE CONTACTS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES."

IN PLOVIDIV, THE AMERICANS MET WITH FOREIGN ECONOMIC RELATIONS MINISTRE ANDREI LUKANOV, WHO ACQUAINTED THEM WITH THE "DESTRUCTURING OF THE BULGARIAN ECONOMY..." BTA SAID.

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BULGARIA - U.S.

CONGRESSMEN FAIR TO TALK UNIMPEDED TO ETHNIC TURKS

VIENNA, AUSTRIA (AL A U.S. CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION HAS FAILED TO ACHIEVE THE MAIN OBJECTIVE OF A FACT-FINDING TRIP TO BULGARIA: A FREE DISCUSSION WITH ETHNIC TURKS ABOUT THEIR GRIEVANCES AFTER A FORCED NAME-CHANGE CAMPAIGN, A DIPLOMAT REPORTED FRIDAY.

"WHAT THEY REALLY CAME HERE FOR THEY DID NOT ACCOMPLISH," SAID THE WESTERN DIPLOMAT OF THE FIVE-MAN GROUP, HEADED BY CONGRESSMAN STENY HOYER, ALL MEMBERS OF THE U.S. HELSINKI COMMISSION MONITORING HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE SOVIET BLOC.

HOYER WAS ACCOMPANIED BY SEN. FRANK LAUTENBERG OF NEW JERSEY, CONGRESSMAN BILL RICHARDSON OF NEW MEXICO, AMBASSADOR RICHARD SCHIFTER, ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS, AND AMBASSADOR SAMUEL WISE, DEPUTY HEAD OF THE U.S. DELEGATION TO EUROPEAN HELSINKI REVIEW CONFERENCE TO RESUME IN VIENNA THIS MONTH.

ACCORDING TO THE DIPLOMAT WHO REQUESTED ANONYMITY, THE PURPOSE OF THEIR VISIT TO BULGARIA WAS TO LOOK INTO THE SITUATION OF THE ESTIMATED 900,000 TURKS WHO WERE FORCED BY THE GOVERNMENT TO CHANGE THEIR NAMES IN A SOMETIMES VIOLENT CAMPAIGN IN THE YEARS 1985-86.

HE SAID THE DELEGATION VISITED KURDZHALI AND HASKOVO IN THE SOUTH, ONE OF TWO MAJOR AREAS WHERE THE ETHNIC TURKS LIVE. THEY ALSO WERE IN PLOVDIV.

HOWEVER, THE DIPLOMAT WHO WAS REACHED BY TELEPHONE FROM VIENNA, SAID, "THEY MET PEOPLE IN THE STREETS BUT THEY DID NOT MEET ANYBODY FOR SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSIONS. THERE WERE ALWAYS OTHER BULGARIANS AROUND."

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BULGARIA - TURK SHOT

TURK RESISTING ARREST SHOT DEAD AT BULGARIAN-GREEK BORDER

VIENNA, AUSTRIA (AP) - BULGARIAN BORDER GUARDS ON THURSDAY SHOT DEAD A TURKISH CITIZEN, WHO HAD APPARENTLY CROSSED ILLEGALLY INTO BULGARIA AND RESISTED HIS ARREST; THE STATE-RUN BTA NEWS AGENCY REPORTED.

THE INCIDENT OCCURRED IN THE AFTERNOON HOURS ON SEPT. 3 NEAR THE VILLAGE OF GENERALOVO IN THE HASKOVO REGION, NOT FAR FROM THE POINT WHERE THE GREEK TURKISH AND BULGARIAN BORDERS MEET.

BTA SAID THE PAPERS FOUND ON HIM IDENTIFY THE MAN AS TURAN KANYA, A TURKISH CITIZEN, WHO "MADE USE OF A FIREARM TO RESIST HIS LAWFUL ARREST AND WAS SHOT DEAD."

TWO BULGARIAN BORDER GUARDS WOUNDED IN AN EXCHANGE OF FIRE WITH THE INTRUDER WERE FLOWN TO A SOFIA HOSPITAL BY HELICOPTER, BTA SAID THE YUGOSLAV NEWS AGENCY TANJUG, QUOTING A GREEK NEWS REPORT, SAID IT WAS BELIEVED IN GREECE THAT THE KILLED TURK WAS A SMUGGLER WHO HAD FIRST ENTERED GREEK TERRITORY WHERE HE KILLED ONE POLICEMAN AND SERIOUSLY WOUNDED A SHEPHERD IN OTHERWISE UNSPECIFIED CIRCUMSTANCES.

A GREEK-BULGARIAN BORDER COMMISSION MET TO INVESTIGATE THE CASE. NO OTHER DETAILS WERE REPORTED.

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TURKEY-BULGARIAN

BULGARIAN ATHLETE WHO ASKED TURKEY FOR ASYLUM TO ARRIVE HERE

ANKARA, TURKEY (AP) - A BULGARIAN WRESTLER WHO DEFECTED IN CANADA LAST WEEK AND ASKED TURKEY FOR ASYLUM, WILL ARRIVE HERE ON SATURDAY, THE FOREIGN MINISTRY ANNOUNCED WEDNESDAY.

ILIA MITEV, AN ETHNIC TURK WHOSE REAL NAME IS ILYAS SUKRUDEV, DISAPPEARED IN CANADA DURING A WORLD JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP SATURDAY. HE LATER MET WITH TURKISH EMBASSY OFFICIALS AND REQUESTED POLITICAL ASYLUM IN TURKEY.

MITEV BECAME THE SECOND ETHNIC-TURKISH BULGARIAN ATHLETE SEEKING ASYLUM IN TURKEY TO PROTEST BULGARIA'S FORCED ASSIMILATION CAMPAIGN AGAINST ITS TURKISH MINORITY.

BULGARIA'S WEIGHTLIFTER WORLD CHAMPION NAIM SULEYMANOGLU WAS GRANTED ASYLUM HERE FOLLOWING HIS DEFECTION LAST DECEMBER.

TURKEY ACCUSES BULGARIA OF FORCING MORE THAN ONE MILLION TURKS IN THAT COUNTRY TO CHANGE THEIR MOSLEM NAMES INTO SLAVIC ONE AND TO GIVE UP THEIR RELIGIOUS CUSTOMS.

AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL, THE LONDON-BASED HUMAN RIGHTS ORGANIZATION, SAID IN ITS 1986 REPORT THAT MORE THAN 100 ETHNIC TURKS DIED WHILE RESISTING NAME CHANGES.

BULGARIA CLAIMS THAT THE NAME CHANGES ARE VOLUNTARY.

THE FOREIGN MINISTRY SPOKESMAN, INAL BATU, SAID ON WEDNESDAY THAT THE LATEST INCIDENT PROVED ONCE AGAIN THAT THE BULGARIAN PROPAGANDA WAS UNTRUE.

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BULGARIA - TURKEY

BULGARIA ACCUSES PREMIER OZAL OF "PAN-TURKISH CHAUVINISM"

VIENNA, AUSTRIA (AP) - A BULGARIAN WEEKLY HAS ACCUSED TURKISH PREMIER TURGUT OZAL OF DISPLAYING "PAN-TURKISH CHAUVINISM" FOR PLEDGING THAT TURKEY WOULD SEEK TO SETTLE THE PROBLEM OF THE TURKISH MINORITY IN BULGARIA THE WAY IT DID IN CYPRUS.

THE ATTACK ON OZAL WAS MADE IN THE LATEST ISSUE OF THE POGLED WEEKLY. EXCERPTS OF THE ARTICLE WERE CARRIED ON TUESDAY BY THE STATE NEWS AGENCY BTA.

IN A SPEECH IN TURKEY ON AUG.17, OZAL, AS REPORTED BY POGLED, SAID, "WE WILL CONSTANTLY PRESS THEM (THE BULGARIANS), AND WE WILL FINALLY FIND A SOLUTION TO THIS PROBLEM AS WE DID IN CYPRUS."

TEN DAYS LATER, OZAL SAID ACCORDING TO POGLED, "WE WILL HOLD BULGARIA RESPONSIBLE BY CONSTANTLY HITTING IT IN THE FACE WITH THIS QUESTION"

POGLED, AS QUOTED BY BTA, SAID OZAL APPARENTLY BASED THIS THREAT ON TURKEY'S MILITARY STRENGTH AND ITS ARMED FORCES.

IT DENOUNCED OZAL'S REMARKS AS "IRRESPONSIBLE, DANGEROUS AND RUNNING COUNTER TO INTERNATIONAL LAW, TO THE U.N. CHARTER AND TO THE HELSINKI FINAL ACT."

POGLED ALSO SAID, "IT IS CLEAR TO ALL THAT THE FORMULA WHICH TURKISH MILITARISM APPLIED TO DEFENSE LESS CYPRUS CAN NEVER BE APPLIED AGAINST SOCIALIST BULGARIA.

"THIS FORMULA IS AN EXPRESSION OF MEDIEVAL PAN-TURKISM, AND IT IS A PERVERSION OF CIVILIZED INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS," POGLED SAID.

THE TURKISH-BULGARIAN DISPUTE AROSE FROM A NATIONWIDE CAMPAIGN IN WHICH MEMBERS OF BULGARIA'S ESTIMATED 900,000-STRONG TURKISH MINORITY WERE FORCED TO CHANGE THEIR TURKISH NAMES INTO BULGARIAN ONES..

BULGARIA HAS CLAIMED THE NAME CHANGE WAS VOLUNTARY AND HAS SINCE DENIED THE EXISTENCE OF A TURKISH MINORITY, REFERRING ONLY TO "BULGARIAN MUSLIMS."

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TURKEY-BULGARIA

TURKEY PROTESTS OVER SHIP INCIDENT

ANKARA, TURKEY (AP) - TURKEY LODGED A PROTEST WITH BULGARIA ON THURSDAY OVER WHAT IT DESCRIBED AS AN ATTACK ON TURKISH FISHING BOATS INSIDE ITS TERRITORIAL WATERS.

A FOREIGN MINISTRY STATEMENT SAID A BULGARIAN SPEED BOAT OPENED FIRE ON TURKISH FISHING BOATS SAILING NEAR BULGARIAN TERRITORIAL WATERS AT MIDNIGHT MONDAY. IT SAID THE BULGARIANS SEIZED ONE OF THE BOATS CARRYING THREE FISHERMEN.

BULGARIA GAVE A DIFFERENT VERSION OF THE INCIDENT.

THE OFFICIAL BULGARIAN NEWS AGENCY BTA SAID WEDNESDAY THAT TWO TURKISH BOATS VIOLATED ITS TERRITORIAL WATERS AND ONE OF THEM SANK AFTER CRASHING INTO A BULGARIAN PATROL BOAT.

THE AGENCY SAID THE THREE CREW MEMBERS OF THE SUNKEN VESSEL WERE RESCUED BY BULGARIAN FRONTIER GUARDS AND WERE DETAINED.

RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES HAVE BEEN STRAINED IN RECENT YEARS FOLLOWING A BULGARIAN CAMPAIGN TO GET MEMBERS OF ITS ESTIMATED 900,000 TURKISH MINORITY TO CHANGE THEIR NAMES TO BULGARIAN ONES.

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TURKEY-BULGARIA

BULGARIA TO SEND 30 ETHNIC TURKISH CHILDREN TO TURKEY

ANKARA, TURKEY (AP) - BULGARIA HAS ALLOWED 30 BULGARIAN CHILDREN OF TURKISH EXTRACTION TO REJOIN THEIR FAMILIES WHO FLED TO TURKEY, THE TURKISH FOREIGN MINISTRY ANNOUNCED THURSDAY.

THE FOREIGN MINISTRY, IN A WRITTEN STATEMENT, SAID BULGARIAN AUTHORITIES HAD INFORMED THE TURKISH EMBASSY IN SOFIA, BULGARIA, ABOUT THE DECISION. IT DID NOT GIVE A DATE.

THE STATEMENT DESCRIBED THE BULGARIAN MOVE AS "A POSITIVE STEP" AND ASKED NEIGHBORING BULGARIA TO ALLOW OTHER ETHNIC TURKISH CHILDREN IN SIMILAR SITUATIONS TO LEAVE AS WELL.

BULGARIA HAS SENT AT LEAST 15 CHILDREN OF TURKISH ORIGIN TO TURKEY IN THE PAST YEAR.

RELATIONS BETWEEN TURKEY AND BULGARIA HAVE BEEN STRAINED FOLLOWING REPORTS OF A FORCED ASSIMILATION CAMPAIGN OF AN ESTIMATED 900,000 ETHNIC TURKS BY THE COMMUNIST GOVERNMENT IN 1984.

ACCORDING TO THE LONDON-BASED HUMAN RIGHTS ORGANIZATION AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL, MORE THEN 100 ETHNIC TURKS WERE KILLED FOR RESISTING ASSIMILATION. MANY, LIKE THE FAMILIES OF THE CHILDREN BEING SENT TO TURKEY, FLED OVER THE COMMON BORDER.

THE BULGARIAN GOVERNMENT DENIES THE EXISTENCE OF AN ETHNIC TURKISH MINORITY, CLAIMING THE COUNTRY'S MOSLEM-BORN INHABITANTS ARE DESCENDANTS OF BULGARIANS WHO WERE CONVERTED TO ISLAM DURING 500 YEARS OF OTTOMAN RULE.

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BULGARIA-TURKEY

BULGARIA SAYS TWO TURKISH SHIPS INTRUDE, ONE SINKS

VIENNA, AUSTRIA (AP) - BULGARIA SAID WEDNESDAY THAT TWO TURKISH BOATS VIOLATED ITS TERRITORIAL WATERS MONDAY AND THAT ONE OF THE VESSELS SANK AFTER CRASHING INTO A BULGARIAN PATROL BOAT THAT SIGNALLLED IT TO STOP.

THE OFFICIAL NEWS AGENCY BTA, MONITORED IN VIENNA, SAID THE THREE CREW MEMBERS OF THE SUNKEN VESSEL WERE RESCUED BY BULGARIAN FRONTIER GUARDS.

BTA DID NOT SAY WHERE THE INCIDENT OCCURRED AND PROVIDED FEW OTHER DETAILS.

A BULGARIAN BORDER PATROL WHICH NOTICED THE INTRUSION MONDAY BY THE TWO TURKISH BOATS SIGNALLLED TO THE VESSELS TO STOP, BTA SAID.

"THE BOATS DEFIED THE SIGNALS," IT ADDED. "IN AN ATTEMPT TO ESCAPE, ONE OF THE BOATS CRASHED AGAINST THE PATROL SHIP AND SANK."

WITHOUT SPECIFYING HOW MANY PEOPLE WERE DETAINED, BTA ADDED THAT "THE ARRESTED CONFESSED VIOLATING BULGARIA'S TERRITORIAL WATERS AND THAT IT WAS THROUGH THEIR FAULT THAT THE BOAT SANK."

IT SAID INVESTIGATION WAS CONTINUING AND THAT THE TURKISH EMBASSY IN THE BULGARIAN CAPITAL OF SOFIA HAD BEEN HANDED A NOTE ABOUT THE INCIDENT BY THE BULGARIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY.

BULGARIAN-TURKISH RELATIONS HAVE BEEN TENSE IN RECENT YEARS FOLLOWING A BULGARIAN CAMPAIGN TO GET MEMBERS OF ITS ESTIMATED 900,000 TURKISH MINORITY TO CHANGE THEIR NAMES TO BULGARIAN ONES.

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TURKEY-BULGARIA

BULGARIA TO RETURN 30 CHILDREN TO TURKEY

ANKARA, TURKEY (AP) - BULGARIA HAS ALLOWED 30 BULGARIAN ETHNIC TURK CHILDREN TO RETURN TO TURKEY FOR REJOINING THEIR FAMILIES LIVING IN THIS COUNTRY, THE TURKISH FOREIGN MINISTRY ANNOUNCED THURSDAY.

THE FOREIGN MINISTRY, IN A WRITTEN STATEMENT, SAID THAT BULGARIAN AUTHORITIES HAVE INFORMED TURKISH EMBASSY IN SOFIA, BULGARIA, ABOUT THE DECISION. IT DID NOT GIVE A DATE.

THE STATEMENT DESCRIBED THE BULGARIAN MOVE AS A +POSITIVE STEP+ AND DEMANDED BULGARIA ALLOW OTHER CHILDREN TO LEAVE THE COUNTRY, WHOSE FAMILIES HAVE MADE SIMILAR APPLICATIONS FOR A REUNION OF FAMILIES. IT DID NOT ELABORATE.

BULGARIA HAS SENT AT LEAST 15 CHILDREN OF TURKISH ORIGIN BACK TO TURKEY IN THE PAST YEAR.

RELATIONS BETWEEN TURKEY AND BULGARIA HAVE BEEN STRAINED FOLLOWING REPORTS OF A FORCED ASSIMILATION CAMPAIGN OF AN ESTIMATED 900,000 TURKS IN THE COMMUNIST COUNTRY IN 1984.

ACCORDING TO THE LONDON BASED HUMAN RIGHTS ORGANIZATION AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL, MORE THEN 100 ETHNIC TURKS WERE KILLED FOR RESISTING ASSIMILATION.

THE BULGARIAN DENIES THE EXISTENCE OF AN ETHNIC TURKISH MINORITY CLAIMING THE COUNTRY'S MOSLEM BORN INHABITANTS ARE DESCENDANTS OF BULGARIANS WHO WERE CONVERTED TO ISLAM DURING 500 YEARS OF OTTOMAN RULE.

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AUSTRALIA- MISSING WEIGHTLIFTER, 0243

BULGARIAN WEIGHTLIFTER SEEKS ASYLUM IN AUSTRALIA

CANBERRA, AUSTRALIA (AP) - WORLD WEIGHTLIFTING CHAMPION NEUM SHALAMANOV OF BULGARIA, MISSING SINCE SUNDAY, WAS FOUND WEDNESDAY BY POLICE WHO SAID THE ATHLETE PLANNED TO SEEK POLITICAL ASYLUM, A FOREIGN MINISTRY SPOKESMAN SAID.

SHALAMANOV, 19, ONE OF THE TOP WEIGHTLIFTERS IN THE WORLD, VANISHED AFTER WINNING A RECORD THIRD WORLD CUP TITLE IN MELBOURNE.

HE WAS LOCATED WEDNESDAY BY POLICE IN THE STATE OF VICTORIA AND ANNOUNCED HIS INTENTION TO STAY IN AUSTRALIA, THE FOREIGN MINISTRY SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE SPOKESMAN, WHO UNDER DEPARTMENTAL POLICY CANNOT BE NAMED, TOLD THE ASSOCIATED PRESS THAT SHALAMANOV HAD NOT YET FORMALLY APPLIED FOR ASYLUM.

A DECISION ON WHETHER TO GRANT HIM ASYLUM WOULD BE MADE BY FOREIGN MINISTER BILL HAYDEN, WHO IS CURRENTLY IN NEW ZEALAND, THE OFFICIAL SAID.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT IN THE PAST AUSTRALIA HAS RARELY GRANTED POLITICAL ASYLUM. HE COULD NOT GIVE FIGURES BUT STATED THE NUMBER WAS "VERY FEW."

MEANWHILE, THE EDITOR OF A TURKISH NEWSPAPER PUBLISHED IN MELBOURNE SAID SHALAMANOV HAD SPENT THE PAST FOUR DAYS IN HIDING UNTIL AFTER THE BULGARIAN TEAM LEFT AUSTRALIA.

MEHMET BAHAR, WHO EDITS THE HUR DUNYA NEWSPAPER, TOLD A RADIO INTERVIEWER THAT SHALAMANOV WOULD BE EXECUTED IF HE RETURNED TO BULGARIA.

SHALAMANOV, WHO IS OF TURKISH ORIGIN, SPEAKS NO ENGLISH AND WAS NOT CARRYING HIS PASSPORT OR MONEY WHEN HE DISAPPEARED.

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REFUGEES

FOUR TURKISH BULGARIANS ASK POLITICAL ASYLUM IN GREECE
KOMOTINI, GREECE (AP) - FOUR YOUNG BULGARIANS OF TURKISH
DESCENT MONDAY REQUESTED POLITICAL ASYLUM IN GREECE, POLICE IN THIS
NORTHERN BORDER TOWN SAID.

THE FOUR MEN, ALL AGED BETWEEN 16 AND 20, SAID THEY FLED
BULGARIA BECAUSE THEY WERE FORCED TO CHANGE THEIR MUSLIM NAMES INTO
BULGARIAN ONES, A POLICE SPOKESMAN WHO ASKED NOT TO BE NAMED SAID.

THE FUGITIVES, WHO WERE NOT IMMEDIATELY IDENTIFIED, TOLD POLICE
THEY CAME FROM THE PLOVDIV REGION IN SOUTHERN BULGARIA AND HAD
PLANNED THEIR ESCAPE "FOR SOME TIME," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

HE SAID THEY ARRIVED ON FOOT IN KOMOTINI, 12 MILES (19
KILOMETERS) FROM THE GREEK-BULGARIAN BORDER, AROUND NOON ON MONDAY
AND WERE IMMEDIATELY TAKEN TO THE POLICE.

LAST DECEMBER, GREECE'S SUPREME COURT REJECTED A BULGARIAN
EXTRADITION DEMAND FOR THREE VILLAGERS WHO FLED TO GREECE WITH
THEIR FAMILIES AFTER BEING FORCED AT GUNPOINT TO CHANGE THEIR
NAMES.

IN INTERVIEWS, THE THREE MEN DESCRIBED AN OFFICIAL CAMPAIGN TO
FORCIBLY ASSIMILATE ETHNIC TURKS.

BULGARIA REJECTS CLAIMS THAT IT MISTREATS AN 800,000-STRONG
ETHNIC TURKISH MINORITY LIVING IN THE SOUTH AND EAST OF THE
COUNTRY. 85 ;)-8.' 5+3 574(' +-=3 '8#3 'VOLUNTARY DECLARATIONS'
CHANGING THEIR MUSLIM NAMES.

ACCORDING TO AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL, THE LONDON-BASED GROUP THAT
MONITORS HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES WORLDWIDE IN AT LEAST 100 TURKS WERE
KILLED AND SEVERAL HUNDRED IMPRISONED LAST YEAR FOR RESISTING
ASSIMILATION.

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BULGARIAN ASYLUM

BULGARIAN DEFECTOR ARRIVES FROM MOSCOW

ANKARA, TURKEY (AP) - AN ETHNIC TURK FROM BULGARIA WHO HAD BEEN LIVING AT THE TURKISH EMBASSY IN MOSCOW FOR TWO-AND-A-HALF YEARS ARRIVED HERE MONDAY IN AN EXCHANGE DEAL.

A TURKISH FOREIGN MINISTRY STATEMENT SAID THE ETHNIC TURK, MUSTAFA SULEYMANOV, WAS EXCHANGED FOR MEHMET DEMIREL, WHO DEFECTED TO TURKEY FROM BULGARIA BUT LATER WANTED TO RETURN TO THE COMMUNIST COUNTRY BECAUSE HIS FAMILY WAS THERE.

SULEYMANOV TOOK REFUGE AT THE EMBASSY IN MOSCOW AND SOUGHT ASYLUM FROM TURKEY DURING A TOURIST VISIT TO THE SOVIET UNION IN APRIL 1985.

SULEYMANOV HAD BEEN UNABLE TO LEAVE THE EMBASSY GROUNDS SINCE THEN WHILE THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT CONDUCTED NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE SOVIETS TO OBTAIN HIS RELEASE.

THE GOVERNMENT SENT A PRIVATE PLANE TO MOSCOW TO PICK UP SULEYMANOV, WHOSE NAME WAS CHANGED TO THE BULGARIAN "KOSTOV" AS PART OF AN ALLEGED ASSIMILATION CAMPAIGN BY BULGARIAN AUTHORITIES.

SULEYMANOV TOLD REPORTERS AT THE AIRPORT THAT HIS VILLAGE WAS RAIDED BY MORE THEN 200 TANKS AND ARMORED VEHICLES TO FORCE ETHNIC TURKS TO CHANGE THEIR NAMES.

RELATIONS BETWEEN TURKEY AND NEIGHBORING BULGARIA HAVE COME UNDER STRAIN FOLLOWING REPORTS OF A FORCED ASSIMILATION CAMPAIGN OF ETHNIC TURKS IN BULGARIA SINCE 1984.

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BULGARIA-HUMAN RIGHTS

U.N. RAPPOREUR ON RELIGIOUS INTOLERANCE ENDS FIVE DAY VISIT
VIENNA, AUSTRIA (AP) - DURING A VISIT TO BULGARIA, THE SPECIAL
RAPPOREUR ON RELIGIOUS INTOLERANCE ISSUES OF THE U.N. HUMAN RIGHTS
COMMISSION SAW POLITICAL FUNCTIONARIES AND CHURCH DIGNITARIES BUT
APPARENTLY NO VICTIMS OF ALLEGED PERSECUTION.

IN A DISPATCH ON THE FIVE-DAY MISSION OF THE RAPPOREUR, ANGELO
VIDAL D'ALMEIDA RIBEIRO, THE BULGARIAN STATE NEWS AGENCY BTA LISTED
THE OFFICIALS WHOM HE MET BUT DID NOT DISCLOSE HIS COMMENTS.

BTA SAID D'ALMEIDA WAS IN BULGARIA OCT.12-16 AT THE INVITATION
OF THE BULGARIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY.

THE INVITATION WAS AN APPARENT EFFORT BY THE SOFIA GOVERNMENT
TO DISPROVE COMPLAINTS ABOUT OFFICIAL MISTREATMENT AND
DISCRIMINATION AGAINST THE 900,000 STRONG TURKISH COMMUNITY, WHICH
IS NOT RECOGNIZED AS A SEPARATE ETHNIC GROUP.

THE BULGARIAN COMMUNIST REGIME HAS BEEN UNDER INTERNATIONAL
CRITICISM SINCE IT STARTED IN 1984 A CAMPAIGN OF FORCING TURKS TO
CHANGE THEIR TURKISH INTO BULGARIAN NAMES. THE NAME CHANGE APPEARS
TO HAVE BEEN LARGELY OVER IN LATE 1985.

ACCORDING TO AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL, MANY PEOPLE WERE KILLED AND
HUNDREDS ARRESTED IN OFTEN VIOLENT CLASHES BETWEEN TURKS RESISTING
THE COMPULSORY 'BULGARIZATION' DRIVE AND SECURITY FORCES.

BTA SAID D'ALMEIDA SAW THREE SENIOR GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND
SEVERAL RELIGIOUS LEADERS, INCLUDING CHIEF MUFTI MIRAN TOPCHIEV, AN
ISLAMIC DIGNITARY OPERATING WITH THE CONSENT OF THE COMMUNIST
GOVERNMENT

BTA SAID THE U.N. RAPPOREUR VISITED CHURCHES AND MOSQUES IN
HASKOVO AND PLOVDIV AND HAD MEETINGS WITH CLERGYMEN AND
REPRESENTATIVES OF LOCAL AUTHORITIES.

BUT HE WAS APPARENTLY NOT BROUGHT INTO CONTACT WITH ORDINARY
PEOPLE IN SOUTHERN BULGARIA, WHERE MANY OF THE ETHNIC TURKS LIVE.
IT WAS NOT CLEAR IF D'ALMEIDA WOULD SUBMIT A REPORT TO THE U.N.
HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION.

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TURKEY-BULGARIA, 0143

ISTANBUL, TURKEY (RP) - BULGARIA ON MONDAY ALLOWED SEVEN CHILDREN OF TURKISH DESCENT TO REUNITE WITH THEIR FAMILIES, WHO HAD DEFECTED TO TURKEY, THE SEMI-OFFICIAL ANATOLIA NEWS AGENCY REPORTED. FOUR GIRLS AND THREE BOYS, AGES 5 TO 14, WERE FLOWN BY TURKISH AIRLINES TO ISTANBUL AIRPORT WHERE THEY WERE MET BY THEIR PARENTS. ANATOLIA SAID.

THEIR ARRIVAL BROUGHT TO 20 THE NUMBER OF SUCH CHILDREN WHO HAVE BEEN REUNITED WITH THEIR FAMILIES THIS YEAR. RELATIONS BETWEEN TURKEY AND BULGARIA HAVE BEEN STRAINED SINCE 1984 OVER AN ALLEGED BULGARIAN CAMPAIGN TO FORCE THE ASSIMILATION OF 900,000 PEOPLE OF TURKISH ORIGIN. THE BULGARIAN GOVERNMENT DENIES THE EXISTENCE OF AN ETHNIC TURKISH MINORITY, CLAIMING THE COUNTRY'S MUSLIM INHABITANTS ARE DESCENDANTS OF BULGARIANS WHO WERE CONVERTED TO ISLAM DURING 500 YEARS OF OTTOMAN RULE.

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TURKEY-BULGARIA

CHILDREN REUNITED WITH FAMILIES

KIRKLARELI, TURKEY (AP) - BULGARIA ON THURSDAY ALLOWED FOUR

CHILDREN OF TURKISH DESCENT TO REUNITE WITH THEIR FAMILIES, WHO HAD
DEFECTED TO TURKEY, THE SEMI-OFFICIAL ANATOLIA NEWS AGENCY

REPORTED.

THREE GIRLS AND ONE BOY, RANGING IN AGE FROM 5 TO 11, WERE

BROUGHT TO DEREKÖY BORDER GATE IN THIS BORDER PROVINCE AND MET BY
THEIR PARENTS, THE REPORT SAID.

THEIR ARRIVAL BROUGHT TO 24 THE NUMBER OF SUCH CHILDREN WHO

HAVE BEEN REUNITED WITH THEIR FAMILIES THIS YEAR.

RELATIONS BETWEEN TURKEY AND BULGARIA HAVE BEEN STRAINED SINCE
1984 OVER AN ALLEGED BULGARIAN CAMPAIGN TO FORCE THE ASSIMILATION

OF 900,000 PEOPLE OF TURKISH ORIGIN.

THE BULGARIAN GOVERNMENT DENIES THE EXISTENCE OF AN ETHNIC

TURKISH MINORITY, CLAIMING THE COUNTRY'S MOSTLY MUSLIM INHABITANTS WERE
DESCENDANTS OF BULGARIANS WHO WERE CONVERTED TO ISLAM DURING 500

YEARS OF OTTOMAN RULE.

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TURKEY-BULGARIA

CHILDREN REUNITED WITH FAMILIES

EDIRNE, TURKEY (AP) - BULGARIA ON FRIDAY ALLOWED EIGHT CHILDREN OF TURKISH DESCENT TO REUNITE WITH THEIR FAMILIES WHO HAD DEFECTED TO TURKEY, TURKISH NEWS AGENCIES REPORTED.

SEVEN BOYS AND ONE GIRL, RANGING IN AGE FROM 6 TO 18, ARRIVED BY TRAIN IN THEIR BORDER PROVINCE, WHERE THEY WERE MET BY THEIR

PARENTS, THE DISPATCHES SAID.

THEIR ARRIVAL BROUGHT TO 32 THE NUMBER OF SUCH CHILDREN WHO

HAVE BEEN REUNITED WITH THEIR FAMILIES THIS YEAR.

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THE BULGARIAN GOVERNMENT DENIES THE EXISTENCE OF AN ETHNIC

TURKISH MINORITY, CLAIMING THE COUNTRY'S MUSLIM INHABITANTS WERE DESCENDANTS OF BULGARIANS WHO WERE CONVERTED TO ISLAM DURING 500

YEARS OF OTTOMAN RULE.

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ANKARA-TURKEY-BULGARIA 2

THE OZGUR FAMILY HAD BEEN STRUGGLING FOR THE PAST FIVE YEARS FOR THEIR DAUGHTER'S FREEDOM. THEY WENT ON HUNGER STRIKES SEVERAL TIMES, ONCE IN FRONT OF THE BULGARIAN CONSULATE IN ISTANBUL.

'THIS IS THE HAPPIEST DAY OF MY LIFE,' THE MOTHER, FATMA OZGUR, TOLD REPORTERS.

THE TEEN-AGER, SITTING BETWEEN OZAL AND HIS WIFE, SEMRA, COULD NOT HOLD BACK HER TEARS WHEN SHE TRIED TO EXPLAIN HER FEELINGS WITH A QUIVERING VOICE.

MRS. OZAL, HOLDING OZGUR'S HAND OCCASIONALLY, ALSO CRIED DURING MOST OF THE NEWS CONFERENCE. 'IT MUST BE VERY DIFFICULT FOR A MOTHER TO BE SEPARATED FROM HER CHILD,' SHE SAID.

FOREIGN MINISTER MESUT YILMAZ SAID BULGARIA HAD ALLOWED 54 ETHNIC TURKISH CHILDREN TO REJOIN THEIR FAMILIES HERE SINCE THE BEGINNING OF THE YEAR. 'BUT THERE ARE 154 OTHER CHILDREN IN BULGARIA WAITING FOR PERMISSION TO LEAVE THE COUNTRY FOR REUNIFICATION WITH THEIR FAMILIES HERE,' YILMAZ ADDED.

'THIS IS A MATTER OF HUMANITY. I HOPE THE BULGARIANS WILL SOON PERMIT OTHER SEPARATED FAMILIES TO REUNITE,' OZAL SAID.

RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES HAVE COME UNDER STRAIN FOLLOWING REPORTS OF A FORCED ASSIMILATION CAMPAIGN OF ETHNIC TURKS IN BULGARIA SINCE 1984.

ACCORDING TO THE LONDON-BASED HUMAN RIGHTS ORGANIZATION AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL, MORE THAN 100 ETHNIC TURKS WERE KILLED FOR RESISTING ASSIMILATION.

THE BULGARIAN GOVERNMENT DENIES THE EXISTENCE OF AN ETHNIC TURKISH MINORITY AND CLAIMS THAT THE COUNTRY'S MOSLEM-BORN INHABITANTS ARE DESCENDANTS OF BULGARIANS WHO WERE CONVERTED TO ISLAM DURING 500 YEARS OF OTTOMAN RULE.

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TURKEY-BULGARIA

TURKEY GIVES UP TV PROGRAM FOR RETURN OF CHILD

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ANKARA, TURKEY (AP) - TURKEY HAS STOPPED AIRING A TV MINISERIES DEPICTING ALLEGED OPPRESSION OF BULGARIAN TURKS AFTER SOFIA AGREED TO RELEASE AND SEND TO TURKEY A 16-YEAR-OLD GIRL WHOSE STORY IS TOLD IN THE PROGRAM, IT WAS ANNOUNCED THURSDAY.

AYSEL OZGUR, WHO HAD BECOME A SYMBOL OF SOME 200 CHILDREN IN BULGARIA SEPARATED FROM THEIR PARENTS WHO DEFECTED TO TURKEY, ARRIVED TO AN EMOTIONAL WELCOME AND REUNION WITH HER FAMILY WEDNESDAY NIGHT.

ON THURSDAY, PREMIER TURGUT OZAL INTRODUCED MISS OZGUR TO THE PRESS.

OZAL TOLD REPORTERS THAT SHE ARRIVED AT ISTANBUL'S ATATURK AIRPORT ACCOMPANIED BY TURKISH EMBASSY OFFICIALS IN SOFIA AT MIDNIGHT FOLLOWING SECRET NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE BULGARIAN GOVERNMENT OVER THE PAST WEEK.

SHE WAS MET AT THE AIRPORT BY HER PARENTS AND HER BROTHER WHO HAD DEFECTED HERE FIVE YEARS AGO.

OZAL SENT A PRIVATE PLANE TO ISTANBUL TO BRING THE OZGUR FAMILY HERE AND HOSTED THEM AT HIS RESIDENCE DURING THE NIGHT.

OZAL SAID THE NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE BULGARIAN AUTHORITIES BEGAN WHEN THE BULGARIAN GOVERNMENT PROTESTED THE AIRING OF A TELEVISION SERIAL ENTITLED "BEING REBORN," BASICALLY THE STORY OF THE OZGUR FAMILY AND A FORCED ASSIMILATION CAMPAIGN AGAINST ETHNIC TURKS LIVING IN BULGARIA.

DURING THE COURSE OF THE OFFICIAL TALKS, TURKISH STATE TELEVISION CANCELED THE AIRING OF THE SERIAL WHICH WAS DUE TO APPEAR SUNDAY EVENING FOR THE THIRD TIME. HOWEVER, THE OFFICIALS THEN ANNOUNCED THAT THE PROGRAM CHANGE WAS A RESULT OF TECHNICAL PROBLEMS.

"THE SERIAL ACHIEVED ITS GOAL, WE PROMISED THE BULGARIAN GOVERNMENT NOT TO CONTINUE SHOWING IT," OZAL SAID.

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BULGARIA-TURKISH SAILORS

BULGARIAN FREIGHTER RESCUES SEVEN TURKISH SAILORS OFF SICILIAN
COAST

VIENNA, AUSTRIA (AP) - A BULGARIAN FREIGHTER RESCUED SEVEN
TURKISH SAILORS AT THE WEEKEND IN ROUGH SEAS NEAR THE COAST OF
SICILY, THE OFFICIAL BULGARIAN NEWS AGENCY BTA SAID MONDAY.

BTA SAID THE BULGARIAN FREIGHTER BURGAS NOTICED THE TURKISH
CELIKTRANS II WAS IN NEED OF HELP AT 5:30 A.M. SUNDAY.

SIX SAILORS WERE PULLED ON BOARD THE BULGARIAN CONTAINER SHIP
FROM A LIFEBOAT WHICH WAS THEN SMASHED TO PIECES BY THE WEATHER,
BTA SAID.

THE RESCUE OF THE TURKISH CAPTAIN FROM HIS SHIP WAS MORE
DIFFICULT AS HIGH WAVES PREVENTED THE TWO BOATS FROM APPROACHING
EACH OTHER, BTA SAID.

IT SAID ANOTHER FOUR TURKISH SAILORS WERE RESCUED BY THE
ROMANIAN SHIP LUPENI.

THE NEWS AGENCY GAVE NO FURTHER DETAILS OF THE INCIDENT.

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YUGOSLAVIA-BALKAN CONFERENCE

GREEK AND TURKISH FOREIGN MINISTERS CONFERENCE

BY IVAN STEFANOVIC

ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER
BELGRADE, YUGOSLAVIA (AP) - A MEETING OF THE GREEK AND TURKISH
FOREIGN MINISTERS ON THURSDAY TEMPORARILY DELAYED THE SECOND
PLENARY SESSION OF THE SIX-NATION BALKAN FOREIGN MINISTERS
CONFERENCE.

GREEK FOREIGN MINISTER KAROLOS PAPADIMAS TOLD JOURNALISTS HE
HAD DISCUSSED ISSUES 'OF COMMON INTEREST' WITH HIS TURKISH
COLLEAGUE NESAT YILMAZ, BUT REFUSED TO GIVE DETAILS OF THEIR
45-MINUTE TALK.

HOWEVER, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE GREEK DELEGATION SAID THE TWO
MINISTERS DISCUSSED PLANS FOR A SECOND SUMMIT MEETING BETWEEN GREEK
PRIME MINISTER ANDREAS PAPANDREOU AND HIS TURKISH COUNTERPART
TURGUT OZAL IN BRUSSELS NEXT WEEK BEFORE THE NATO SUMMIT MEETING
BEGINS.

THE TWO GOVERNMENT HEADS MET LAST MONTH IN BRUS, SWITZERLAND.
AT THAT MEETING THEY AGREED TO IMPROVE BILATERAL RELATIONS WHICH
HAD BEEN MARKED BY LONG-STANDING DIFFERENCES OVER MILITARY CONTROL
OF THE AEGEAN SEA AND THE DIVIDED ISLAND OF CYPRUS.
THEY ALSO ESTABLISHED TWO HIGH-LEVEL COMMITTEES, ONE TO DISCUSS
POLITICAL PROBLEMS, AND THE OTHER TO FIND WAYS OF BOOSTING
ECONOMIC COOPERATION.

FOLLOWING THE BRUS MEETING, TURKEY LIFTED A 24-YEAR-OLD DECREE
FREEZING PROPERTY RIGHTS OF ITS FORMER GREEK RESIDENTS.

THE GREEK SPOKESMAN SAID THE TWO FOREIGN MINISTERS ALSO
DISCUSSED PROCEDURAL MATTERS FOR A MEETING OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE
ON POLITICAL MATTERS TO BE HELD IN ATHENS MAY 30 TO 31.

THE CLOSED DOOR PLENARY SESSION AT BELGRADE'S SAVA CONGRESS
HALL ON THE SECOND DAY OF THE THREE DAY CONFERENCE WAS DELAYED BY
ABOUT AN HOUR BECAUSE OF THE GREEK-TURKISH MEETING.

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YUGOSLAVIA-BALKAN CONFERENCE, 1ST ADD
BELGRADE: TURKISH MEETING.

BEFORE THE MEETING BEGAN WEDNESDAY, DIPLOMATS AND OBSERVERS PREDICTED THAT THE MINISTERS WOULD AVOID EXPLOSIVE TOPICS AT THE CONFERENCE -- THE HIGHEST LEVEL MEETING OF BALKAN STATES AND THE FIRST TO INCLUDE COMMUNIST ALBANIA, WHICH HAS BEEN COMING OUT OF ISOLATION IN RECENT YEARS.

RELATIONS AMONG MOST BALKAN COUNTRIES ARE STILL STRAINED BY BILATERAL QUARRELS OVER ETHNIC MINORITIES THAT DATE BACK TO THE LATE 19TH CENTURY WHEN MUCH OF THE REGION BELONGED TO THE OTTOMAN EMPIRE.

THE TURKISH FOREIGN MINISTER ON WEDNESDAY ADDRESSED THE MINORITY ISSUE, IN AN APPARENT ATTACK ON NEIGHBORING BULGARIA WHERE THERE IS AN ESTIMATED ONE MILLION-STRONG ETHNIC TURKISH MINORITY.

YILMAZ DID NOT ASSAIL BULGARIA BY NAME, BUT SAID THAT "ATTEMPTS TO ALTER THE CULTURE AND RELIGIOUS IDENTITY OF ETHNIC MINORITIES CAN NEITHER BE RECONCILED NOR COEXIST WITH THE NEW BEGINNING WE ALL SEEM DESIROUS TO MAKE HERE IN BELGRADE."

A CAMPAIGN FORCING ETHNIC TURKS IN BULGARIA TO CHANGE THEIR NAMES WAS BEGUN IN 1984. IT WAS FIRST REPORTED BY TURKISH NEWSPAPERS AND LATE CONFIRMED BY WESTERN DIPLOMATS IN SOFIA AND AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL BECAUSE OF ITS SOMETIMES BRUTAL TACTICS.

BULGARIAN AUTHORITIES WHO HAVE SO FAR DENIED THE EXISTENCE OF A SELF-CONTAINED TURKISH MINORITY, SAID THE DECISION TO ADOPT BULGARIAN NAMES WAS VOLUNTARY AND NO PESSURE WAS EXERTED.

YILMAZ MADE HIS REMARKS ONE DAY AFTER HE SIGNED A PROTOCOL WITH HIS BULGARIAN COLLEAGUE PETER WLADENOV ON WAYS TO RESOLVE THE TWO NEIGHBORS LONG-STANDING ETHNIC DISPUTE.

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YUSUSLAWA-MILKIN CONFERENCE, 2ND RD

TELGRAPH: FINIC DISPUTE.

YUSUSLAWA REFUSED TO COMMENT ON YILMAZ' REMARKS NECESSARY, AND THE NEWS STILL NO OFFICIAL REACTION FROM THE MOSCOW HOST COUNTRY ON THURSDAY.

THE BULGARIAN PRESS PRAISED THE MEETING AS A "HISTORIC" EVENT, BUT REFRAINED FROM MENTIONING THE TURKISH MINISTER'S SPEECH. THE YUSUSLAW NEWS AGENCY THOUS REPORTED FROM SOFIA.

THE FOREIGN MINISTERS MEETING IS EXPECTED TO END FRIDAY MORNING WITH A FINAL DOCUMENT OF A NUMBER OF PROPOSALS FOR REGIONAL COOPERATION. INCLUDING THE CREATION OF A MILKIN FREE MARKET.

A WORKING PAPER IS ALREADY BEING DRAFTED THAT WILL ALSO INCLUDE PROVISIONS FOR SIMILAR MEETINGS TO BE HELD REGULARLY IN THE FUTURE AND THE POSSIBILITY OF A SUMMIT MEETING. INFORMED CONFERENCE SOURCES SAID.

MILKIN COUNTRIES EXCHANGE ONLY 4 PERCENT OF THEIR FOREIGN TRADE IN THE REGION.

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BALKAN CONFERENCE NL-1ST ADD

BELGRADE: IN BELGRADE.''

YILMAZ DID NOT ASSAIL BULGARIA BY NAME OR MENTION ITS ESTIMATED ONE MILLION ETHNIC TURKS SPECIFICALLY, BUT THE MINORITY ISSUE IS THE PRIMARY POINT OF CONTENTION BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES.

A CAMPAIGN FORCING TURKISH CITIZENS TO CHANGE THEIR NAMES WAS BEGUN IN 1984. IT WAS FIRST REPORTED BY TURKISH NEWSPAPERS AND LATER CONFIRMED BY WESTERN DIPLOMATS IN SOFIA AND AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL BECAUSE OF ITS SOMETIMES BRUTAL TACTICS.

BULGARIAN AUTHORITIES, WHO HAVE SO FAR DENIED THE EXISTENCE OF A SELF-CONTAINED TURKISH MINORITY, SAID THE DECISION TO ADOPT BULGARIAN NAMES WAS VOLUNTARY AND NO PRESSURE WAS EXERTED.

THE TURKISH FOREIGN MINISTER'S COMMENTS WERE EXPECTED TO BE CAUSE TENSION DURING THE THREE-DAY MEETING.

HE EXPRESSED HIS SATISFACTION ABOUT THE ''COMMON UNDERSTANDING'' HE REACHED WITH HIS BULGARIAN COUNTERPART PETER KLABENOV IN SIGNING THE PROTOCOL HE SAID WOULD ESTABLISH A MECHANISM FOR THE SETTLEMENT OF THE EXISTING PROBLEMS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES.

BUT YILMAZ ADDED THAT ''ANACHRONISTIC POLICIES CANNOT BE EITHER DEFENDED OR IGNORED,'' A REFERENCE TO BULGARIA'S POLICY TOWARD THE ETHNIC TURKS.

YILMAZ CITED THE ''PRINCIPLES OF THE HELSINKI FINAL ACT CONCERNING 'RESPECT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS AND FUNDAMENTAL FREEDOMS, INCLUDING THE FREEDOM OF THOUGHT, CONSCIENCE, RELIGION OR BELIEF,'''

HE ALSO RECALLED ''THE PRINCIPLE ENUMERATED UNDER THE SO-CALLED BASKET III REGARDING 'COOPERATION IN HUMANITARIAN AND OTHER FIELDS'' NOW UNDER REVIEW AT THE HELSINKI FOLLOW-UP CONFERENCE IN VIENNA, AUSTRIA.

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BALKAN CONFERENCE NL-2ND ADD
BELGRADE: VIENNA, AUSTRIA.

'WE BELIEVE THAT THE FULL AND SINCERE IMPLEMENTATION OF... (TUESDAY'S) PROTOCOL MAY PERMIT (US) TO REDEFINE TURKISH-BULGARIAN RELATIONS AS AN EXAMPLE OF MULTIFACETED COOPERATION AMONG COUNTRIES OF DIFFERENT POLITICAL SYSTEMS,' YILMAZ DECLARED.

ASKED TO COMMENT ON YILMAZ' SPEECH, WLADENOV, WHO ADDRESSED THE SESSION EARLIER, TOLD THE ASSOCIATED PRESS HE WOULD COMMENT ON IT ONLY AFTER READING IT.

BULGARIA IS A MEMBER OF WARSAW PACT, WHILE TURKEY BELONGS TO NATO.

A MEMBER OF TURKISH DELEGATION, WHO WAS ASKED WHY THE TURKISH FOREIGN MINISTER DECIDED TO CRITICIZE BULGARIA EVEN AFTER THE PROTOCOL WAS SIGNED, SAID, 'WE DID NOT COME HERE TO FIGHT. WE CAME WITH CONSTRUCTIVE PROPOSALS.

'WE ARE SEEKING A MECHANISM TO SOLVE OUR PROBLEM. BUT WE HAVE YET TO SEE WHETHER IT WILL WORK,' THE DIPLOMAT, WHO ASKED FOR ANONYMITY, TOLD THE AP.

SPEAKING IN FRENCH AT THE MODERN SAVR CONFERENCE CENTER, ALBANIAN FOREIGN MINISTER MALILE SAID, 'NOT ONLY DO WE NOT HESITATE TO COOPERATE WITH OTHERS. ON THE CONTRARY, WE WANT THIS COOPERATION AND CONSIDER IT A FACTOR WHICH CONTRIBUTES TO OUR INTERNAL DEVELOPMENT.'

IN HIS OPENING SPEECH, YUGOSLAV PRESIDENT LAZAR MOJSOV SAID THE INTENTION OF THE MEETING WAS TO MAKE SURE THAT THE BALKANS DO NOT REMAIN 'AN ENCLAVE OF UNSURPASSED DIFFICULTIES OF THE PAST AND... A SLAVE TO INHERITED PREJUDICES' CONDUCTIVE TO RIVALRIES OF 'ALIEN INTERESTS.'

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BALKAN CONFERENCE NIGHT LD-WRITETHRU
TURKEY ATTACKS BULGARIA OVER TURKISH MINORITY
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BELGRADE, YUGOSLAVIA (AP) - TURKEY ON WEDNESDAY DENOUNCED BULGARIA'S TREATMENT OF ITS TURKISH MINORITY, A DAY AFTER THE TWO COUNTRIES SIGNED A PROTOCOL ON WAYS TO RESOLVE THE TWO NEIGHBORS' LONG-STANDING ETHNIC DISPUTE.

THE ATTACK WAS LAUNCHED BY TURKISH FOREIGN MINISTER NESUT YILMAZ ON THE OPENING DAY OF THE FIRST POSTWAR CONFERENCE OF BALKAN FOREIGN MINISTERS.

THE MEETING STARTED WITH ALBANIAN FOREIGN MINISTER REIS HALILE STRONGLY INDICATING AN END TO HIS COUNTRY'S SELF-IMPOSED ISOLATION AND SIGNALING A WILLINGNESS TO COOPERATE WITH ITS NEIGHBORS.

THE THREE-DAY SESSION WAS EXPECTED TO REVIEW POSSIBILITIES FOR STEPPING UP REGIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION AND CREATING A JOINT BALKAN MARKET.

RELATIONS AMONG MOST BALKAN COUNTRIES ARE STILL STRAINED BY BILATERAL QUARRELS OVER ETHNIC MINORITIES THAT DATE BACK TO THE LATE 19TH CENTURY WHEN MUCH OF THE REGION BELONGED TO THE OTTOMAN EMPIRE.

HALILE TOLD THE MEETING, "DEVELOPMENT OF RELATIONS WITH NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES CONSTITUTES ONE OF THE PRIORITIES OF THE FOREIGN POLICY" OF ALBANIA.

SPEAKING IN THE AFTERNOON SESSION OF THE CONFERENCE INVOLVING SIX BALKAN COUNTRIES, YILMAZ SAID, "ATTEMPTS TO ALTER THE CULTURAL AND RELIGIOUS IDENTITY OF ETHNIC MINORITIES CAN NEITHER BE RECONCILED NOR COEXIST WITH THE NEW BEGINNING WE ALL SEEM DESIROUS TO MAKE HERE IN BELGRADE."

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BULGARIA-GREECE

GREEK PRIME MINISTER TO BULGARIA BEFORE BALKAN MEETING

VIENNA, AUSTRIA (AP) - GREEK PRIME MINISTER ANDREAS PAPANDREOU IS TO TRAVEL TO BULGARIA MONDAY, ON THE EVE OF A SIX NATION BALKAN FOREIGN MINISTERS CONFERENCE WHICH BEGINS IN BELGRADE WEDNESDAY, THE OFFICIAL BULGARIAN NEWS AGENCY BTA SAID SUNDAY.

IT IS TO BE PAPANDREOU'S SEVENTH VISIT TO THE WARSAW PACT NATION, BTA SAID.

THE GREEK PRIME MINISTER IS TO HOLD TALKS WITH HIS HOST BULGARIAN PRESIDENT AND COMMUNIST PARTY LEADER TODOR ZHIVKOV.

AT A ONE-DAY MEETING IN SOFIA LERS OF BULGARIA AND GREECE WILL MEET IN THE YUGOSLAV CAPITAL THIS WEEK WITH THEIR COUNTERPARTS FROM TURKEY, ROMANIA, ALBANIA AND YUGOSLAVIA. IT WILL BE THE HIGHEST-LEVEL MEETING OF BALKAN STATES SINCE WORLD WAR II AND THE FIRST TO INCLUDE COMMUNIST ALBANIA.

BTA SAID IN A COMMENTARY THAT PAPANDREOU'S VISIT ON THE EVE OF THE BELGRADE MEETING 'ONCE AGAIN SHOWS THE STRIVING OF THE TWO COUNTRIES TO ESTABLISH A CLIMATE OF TRUST, UNDERSTANDING AND PEACEFUL CO-EXISTENCE ON THE BALKAN PENINSULA.'

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THE FOLLOWING IS THE UNOFFICIAL TEXT OF THE TURKISH- BULGARIAN
PROTOCOL SIGNED IN BELGRADE, FEBRUARY 23, 1988 MADE AVAILABLE TO
ASSOCIATED PRESS BY A SOURCE WHO COULD NOT BE IDENTIFIED:

THE PROTOCOL

THE MINISTERS OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE PEOPLES REPUBLIC OF
BULGARIA AND THE REPUBLIC OF TURKEY, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE
PRINCIPLES OF EQUALITY, MUTUAL RESPECT AND NON INTERFERENCE IN
INTERNAL AFFAIRS

PROCEEDING FROM THEIR WISH TO FURTHER RELATIONS OF GOOD
NEIGHBORLINESS, FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION IN A WAY TO SERVE THE
MUTUAL INTERESTS

STATING THEIR DETERMINATION TO FULLY COMPLY WITH THE BILATERAL
AND MULTILATERAL TREATIES AND AGREEMENTS, EXISTING BETWEEN THE TWO
COUNTRIES, AS WELL AS OTHER DOCUMENTS THEY ARE PARTIES TO, INCLUDING
THE FINAL ACT OF THE CONFERENCE ON SECURITY AND COOPERATION IN
EUROPE

BEING CONFIDENT THAT THE PROMOTION OF COOPERATION IN THE
POLITICAL, ECONOMIC AND HUMANITARIAN FIELDS WILL BE IN THE INTEREST
OF THE PEOPLE OF BOTH COUNTRIES AND WILL ALSO CONTRIBUTE TO THE
IMPROVEMENT OF THE CLIMATE IN THE BALKANS

AGREED ON THE FOLLOWING:

1. WITH THE AIM OF FINDING SOLUTIONS TO THE PROBLEMS EXISTING IN
THE BILATERAL RELATIONS, INCLUDING IN THE FIELD OF COOPERATION, A
JOINT WORKING GROUP UNDER THE CO-CHAIRMANSHIP OF THE BULGARIAN
DEPUTY MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND THE TURKISH UNDERSECRETARY OF
THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS SHALL BE ESTABLISHED. THIS WORKING
GROUP WILL ALSO PREPARE A HUMANITARIAN JOINT DECLARATION CONTAINING
THE PRINCIPLES OF GOOD-NEIGHBORLINESS, FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION
BETWEEN THE PEOPLES REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA AND THE REPUBLIC OF TURKEY.

2. A SECOND HIGH LEVEL JOINT WORKING GROUP SHALL BE ESTABLISHED
WITH A VIEW TO DETERMINING CONCRETE MEASURES FOR THE ACCELERATION OF
COOPERATION BETWEEN THE PEOPLES REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA AND THE
REPUBLIC OF TURKEY IN THE FIELDS OF ECONOMICS, TRADE, TOURISM,
TECHNOLOGIES, SPORT, COMMUNICATIONS AND CULTURE, AND PROPOSING THEM
TO THE JOINT BULGARIAN-TURKISH COMMITTEE FOR ECONOMIC AND TECHNICAL
COOPERATION, EXISTING BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES.

3. THE ACTIVITIES OF THESE TWO WORKING GROUPS SHALL BE CONDUCTED
IN A PARALLEL WAY.

4. THE MINISTERS OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE TWO COUNTRIES WILL
PAY PERIODICAL, MUTUAL VISITS, AND REVIEW THE ACTIVITIES OF THESE
TWO WORKING GROUPS, AND PROVIDE THE NECESSARY GUIDANCE TO THEM.

5. REGULAR POLITICAL CONSULTATIONS WILL BE HELD BETWEEN THE
MINISTRIES OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

THIS PROTOCOL HAS BEEN SIGNED ON FEBRUARY 23, 1988 IN BELGRADE
IN BULGARIAN, TURKISH AND ENGLISH. IN CASE OF DIFFERENCE OF
INTERPRETATION, THE ENGLISH TEXT SHALL BE CONSIDERED AS DETERMINING.

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BULGARIA-TURKEY

WITH BELGRADE - YUGOSLAVIA-BALKAN CONFERENCE

BULGARIA, TURKEY SIGN PROTOCOL ON GOOD NEIGHBORLY RELATIONS
BELGRADE, YUGOSLAVIA (AP) - BULGARIA AND TURKEY, IN A SURPRISE
DEVELOPMENT, TUESDAY SIGNED A PROTOCOL ON GOOD NEIGHBORLY
RELATIONS, IN AN APPARENT EFFORT TO AVERT A SHOWDOWN OVER
MINORITIES AT THE BALKAN FOREIGN MINISTERS' MEETING OPENING HERE
WEDNESDAY.

BEFORE THE PROTOCOL WAS SIGNED, SOURCES SAID, THE TURKISH
DELEGATION PLANNED TO RAISE THE ISSUE OF ETHNIC TURKS IN BULGARIA,
WHO, THE TURKS CLAIM, WERE FORCED TO ADOPT BULGARIAN NAMES IN
RECENT YEARS.

THE ONGOING FEUD OVER BULGARIA'S ESTIMATED ONE MILLION ETHNIC
TURKS, WHICH HAS BEEN POISONING RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO
COUNTRIES, THREATENED TO BURDEN THE CONFERENCE.

THE PROTOCOL SIGNED BY BULGARIAN FOREIGN MINISTER PETER
KALDENOV AND HIS TURKISH COUNTERPART MESUT YILMAZ SAID THEY WERE
"PROCEEDING FROM THEIR WISH TO PROMOTE RELATIONS OF GOOD
NEIGHBORLINESS."

THE TEXT OF THE PROTOCOL, WHICH WAS MADE AVAILABLE TO THE
ASSOCIATED PRESS BY A SOURCE WHO DID NOT WANT TO BE IDENTIFIED,
ALSO SAID THE TWO SIDES WOULD SET UP A WORKING GROUP TO PREPARE A
JOINT DRAFT DECLARATION ON THEIR ATTITUDE.

KALDENOV AND YILMAZ ARRIVED HERE TUESDAY FOR THE FIRST MEETING
OF FOREIGN MINISTERS FROM SIX BALKAN COUNTRIES. THE OTHER
PARTICIPANTS COME FROM ALBANIA, GREECE, ROMANIA AND YUGOSLAVIA.

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BULGARIA-TURKEY, 1ST ADD
BELGRADE: AND YUGOSLAVIA.

IN THE PROTOCOL, THE TWO MINISTERS SAID A SECOND HIGH-LEVEL JOINT WORKING GROUP WOULD BE SET UP TO REVIEW STEPS FOR "STEPPING UP COOPERATION" BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES IN ECONOMY, TRANSPORT AND CULTURE.

THEY ALSO AGREED TO EXCHANGE "PERIODICAL MUTUAL VISITS AND REVIEW THE ACTIVITIES" OF THE TWO WORKING GROUPS WITH "REGULAR POLITICAL CONSULTATIONS" BETWEEN THE TWO FOREIGN MINISTRIES.

A TURKISH DIPLOMAT, WHO WAS NOT INVOLVED IN THE SIGNING OF THE PROTOCOL, EXPRESSED HIS SURPRISE, SAYING "I HEARD SOMETHING, BUT I DO NOT KNOW THE DETAILS."

A SIMILAR PROTOCOL BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES WAS SIGNED IN 1975.

THE PROTOCOL SAID YILMAZ AND MLADENOV AGREED TO SIGN IT, "..."CONFIDENT THAT THE PROMOTION OF COOPERATION IN THE POLITICAL, ECONOMIC AND HUMANITARIAN FIELDS WILL BE IN THE INTEREST OF THE PEOPLES OF BOTH COUNTRIES."

END (IS-RP)

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YUGOSLAVIA-BALKAN CONFERENCE, 2ND ADD-SUB

BELGRADE - TO STATE THAT TANJUG IS YUGOSLAV STATE NEWS AGENCY
AND CLARIFY PROBABLE REASON FOR PROPOSAL, SUB FOR 6TH GRAF: TANJUG
... ROMANIA.

THE YUGOSLAV STATE NEWS AGENCY TANJUG HAS ALSO REPORTED THAT
BULGARIA PLANS TO PROPOSE HOLDING A SPECIAL BALKAN CONFERENCE ON
ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES -- APPARENTLY TO BRING ROMANIA TO TASK ON ITS
POLLUTION OF THE JOINT BULGARIAN-ROMANIAN BORDER AREA.

THE PREMIERS, 7TH GRAF 2ND ADD

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GREECE-BALKANS, 2ND ADD (OPENS)

ATHENS: UNREALISTIC.

A JOINT STATEMENT ISSUED AFTER PAPANDREOU FINISHED TALKS IN BULGARIAN LEADER TODOR ZHIVKOV CALLED FOR ''ADOPTION OF PROCEDURES FOR REMOVAL OF TACTICAL NUCLEAR WEAPONS, WHEREVER THEY ARE IN THE BALKANS, AND FOR AN UNDERTAKING NOT TO DEPLOY NEW NUCLEAR WEAPONS.''

THE TWO LEADERS SAID THE PROPOSAL WAS MADE ''STRENGTHEN THE CLIMATE OF DETENTE AND UNDERSTANDING,' ' AFTER LAST DECEMBER'S U.S.-SOVIET AGREEMENT LAST DECEMBER ON MEDIUM-RANGE NUCLEAR WEAPONS.

GREECE AND TURKEY ARE THE ONLY BALKAN COUNTRIES KNOWN TO HAVE NUCLEAR WEAPONS STOCKPILED ON THEIR TERRITORY.

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BULGARIA-TURKEY, 1ST LB WRITETHRU, 1ST ADD

VIENNA: AS SAYING.

HE DECLARED, "BULGARIA IS RESOLVED TO WORK CONSTRUCTIVELY FOR THE REALIZATION OF THE AGREEMENTS UNDERLYING THE PROTOCOL IN SUCH A WAY AS TO CREATE CONDITIONS FOR PROMOTING GOOD NEIGHBORLY, FRIENDLY RELATIONS."

TANJUG QUOTED YILMAZ AS SAYING THE PROTOCOL "MAKES IT POSSIBLE FOR US TO DEVELOP AND SETTLE A NUMBER OF ISSUES OF OUR BILATERAL RELATIONS.

"ON THE TURKISH SIDE, WE GIVE A POSITIVE ASSESSMENT TO THE SIGNING OF THIS DOCUMENT, AND WE WILL WORK FOR ITS REALIZATION IN A CONSTRUCTIVE SPIRIT," SAID YILMAZ, ADDING "I WISH THE NEW STAGE, OPENING IN OUR RELATIONS, TO BE FRUITFUL FOR OUR PEOPLES."

THE PROTOCOL, AS REPORTED BY TANJUG, PROVIDES FOR A JOINT WORKING GROUP "WITH A VIEW TO FINDING A SOLUTION TO THE EXISTING PROBLEMS IN BILATERAL RELATIONS, THE AREA OF HUMANITARIAN COOPERATION INCLUDED."

"IN PARTICULAR, THIS WORKING GROUP SHALL PREPARE A JOINT DRAFT DECLARATION CONTAINING THE PRINCIPLES OF GOOD NEIGHBORLINESS, FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION" BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES, THE DOCUMENT SAID.

IT SAID, "ANOTHER HIGH-LEVEL WORKING GROUP SHALL BE ESTABLISHED TO DETERMINE SPECIFIC MEASURES TO SPEED UP COOPERATION...IN THE FIELD OF ECONOMICS, TRADE, TOURISM, TECHNOLOGY, TRANSPORT, COMMUNICATIONS AND CULTURE..."

ACCORDING TO THE PROTOCOL, THE TWO COUNTRIES' FOREIGN MINISTERS ARE TO EXCHANGE PERIODIC VISITS "AND SHALL SURVEY THE FUNCTIONING OF THE AFORE-MENTIONED TWO WORKING GROUPS AND SHALL GIVE THEM THE APPROPRIATE DIRECTIONS."

THE TWO MINISTERS, AS PROVIDED FOR IN THE PROTOCOL, "SHALL HOLD REGULAR POLITICAL CONSULTATIONS."

THE PROTOCOL WAS DRAFTED IN THE BULGARIAN, TURKISH AND ENGLISH LANGUAGES.

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BULGARIA-TURKEY, 1ST LD WRITETHRU

EDS: ADDS QUOTES, DETAILS, OFFICIAL CONFIRMATION

BELGRADE, YUGOSLAVIA (AP) - BULGARIA AND TURKEY, IN A SURPRISE MOVE, TUESDAY SIGNED A PROTOCOL ON GOOD NEIGHBORLY RELATIONS IN AN APPARENT EFFORT TO RESOLVE THE TWO BALKAN COUNTRIES' LONG-STANDING DISPUTE OVER BULGARIA'S ESTIMATED ONE MILLION ETHNIC TURKS.

THE TEXT OF THE PROTOCOL, AS RELEASED BY THE YUGOSLAV STATE NEWS AGENCY TANJUG, WAS A CLEAR INDICATION THAT THE TWO FEUDING NEIGHBORS ARE DETERMINED TO NORMALIZE THEIR RELATIONS AFTER YEARS OF DISCORD.

THE SIGNING OF THE DOCUMENT ALSO AVERTED A CLASH BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES AT THE BALKAN FOREIGN MINISTERS' MEETING OPENING HERE WEDNESDAY.

BEFORE IT WAS SIGNED, SOURCES SAID THE TURKISH DELEGATION WAS PLANNING TO RAISE THE ISSUE OF THE ETHNIC TURKS, WHO WERE FORCED BY BULGARIAN AUTHORITIES TO ADOPT BULGARIAN NAMES.

THE ''BULGARIZATION CAMPAIGN'', WHICH BEGAN IN 1984 AND REPORTEDLY LED TO VIOLENT CLASHES BETWEEN THE TURKISH POPULATION AND BULGARIAN POLICE, WAS FIRST REPORTED BY TURKISH NEWSPAPERS. IT WAS LATER CONFIRMED BY WESTERN DIPLOMATS AND AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL.

THE PROTOCOL WAS SIGNED BY BULGARIAN FOREIGN MINISTER PETER MLADENOV AND HIS TURKISH COUNTERPART MESUT YILMAZ AT A MEETING IN A BELGRADE HOTEL, SAID TANJUG, WHICH ALSO CARRIED ITS FULL TEXT.

NEITHER THE PROTOCOL NOR THE TWO MINISTERS IN PRESS STATEMENTS MENTIONED BULGARIA'S TURKISH MINORITY, WHOSE EXISTENCE HAS SO FAR BEEN DENIED BY BULGARIAN OFFICIALS IN PUBLIC.

''THE PROTOCOL WE HAVE JUST SIGNED DOES NOT SOLVE THE PROBLEMS, BUT I AM CONVINCED THAT IT WILL SERVE AS A SOUND BASIS FOR SEEKING POSITIVE SOLUTIONS TO THE EXISTING PROBLEMS,'' MLADENOV WAS QUOTED AS SAYING.

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YUGOSLAVIA-BALKAN CONFERENCE, 2ND ADD.

BELGRADE: INTOLERANCE.

THE TURKISH DIPLOMAT SAID TURKEY WOULD NOT "TORPEDO" THE ISSUE, BUT "WILL JUST GO ON RECORD AND SAY WHAT WE THINK ABOUT IT."

ETHNIC TENSIONS ALSO MAR RELATIONS BETWEEN ALBANIA AND YUGOSLAVIA WHICH HAS A LARGE ETHNIC ALBANIAN MINORITY IN THE SOUTHERN PROVINCE OF KOSOVO.

"THERE ARE MANY PROBLEMS THAT WE MUST REVIEW, CONCERNING BOTH BILATERAL COOPERATION AND COOPERATION AMONG THE BALKAN COUNTRIES IN GENERAL, IN ORDER TO CREATE AN ATMOSPHERE OF CONFIDENCE," ALBANIAN FOREIGN MINISTER REIS MALILE SAID IN A TELEVISION INTERVIEW UPON HIS ARRIVAL IN BELGRADE.

MALILE IS THE HIGHEST-RANKING ALBANIAN TO VISIT YUGOSLAVIA IN 40 YEARS. ALBANIA STRONGLY CONDEMNED YUGOSLAVIA'S DECISION IN 1948 TO BREAK WITH THE SOVIET BLOC, BUT 20 YEARS LATER ALBANIA BROKE AWAY FROM THE SOVIET-LED MILITARY BLOC (WARSAW PACT).

HOWEVER, IN ADVANCE OF THE BELGRADE MEETING, RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES HAVE BEEN IMPROVING, AND THEY SIGNED A CULTURAL AND SCIENTIFIC AGREEMENT IN TIRANA FRIDAY.

TANJUG HAS ALSO REPORTED THAT BULGARIA PLANS TO PROPOSE HOLDING A SPECIAL BALKAN CONFERENCE ON ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES -- APPARENTLY AN ATTACK ON NEIGHBORING ROMANIA.

THE PREMIERS OF THE TWO WARSAW PACT COUNTRIES MET OVER THE WEEKEND IN THE NORTHERN BULGARIAN TOWN OF ROUSSE, WHERE CITIZENS HAVE REPEATEDLY BEEN FORCED TO STAY INDOORS IN THE WAKE OF POISONOUS CLOUDS OF CHLORINE GAS WHICH DRIFT OVER THE DANUBE FROM A CHEMICAL COMPLEX IN GIURGIU, ROMANIA.

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YUGOSLAVIA-BALKAN CONFERENCE, 1ST AND
BELGRADE, 2015.'

THE CONFERENCE IS EXPECTED TO FOCUS LARGEY ON SETTING UP
ECONOMIC, SCIENTIFIC AND CULTURAL COOPERATION IN THE AREA, AND
BULGARIA AND GREECE ARE LIKELY TO RAISE THE ISSUE OF ESTABLISHING A
NUCLEAR-FREE ZONE IN THE BALKANS.

AT A MEETING IN SOFIA LAST JULY, PAPANDREOU AND ZHIVKOV CALLED
ON ALL BALKAN NATIONS TO CONTRIBUTE TO A NUCLEAR-FREE BALKAN
PENINSULA. THE PROJECT IS OPPOSED BY TURKEY.

THE MEETING AT THE CONFERENCE OF GREECE'S FOREIGN MINISTER
KAROLOS PAPOLIAS AND HIS TURKISH COUNTERPART, MESUT YILMAZ, WILL BE
THE HIGHEST-LEVEL MEETING BETWEEN THE TWO NATO ALLIES SINCE
PAPANDREOU AND TURKISH PRIME MINISTER TURGUT OZAL MET IN BRUS,
SWITZERLAND LAST MONTH.

IT WAS THE HIGHEST-LEVEL MEETING IN TEN YEARS BETWEEN THE TWO
COUNTRIES WHOSE RELATIONS ARE MARKED BY THEIR DISPUTE OVER CYPRUS.

HOWEVER, TURKISH AND GREEK DIPLOMATS IN BELGRADE SAID THE
CYPRUS ISSUE WOULD NOT BE RAISED IN BELGRADE.

A TURKISH DIPLOMAT, HOWEVER, SPEAKING ON CONDITION OF
ANONYMITY, SAID HIS DELEGATION WOULD RAISE THE ISSUE OF BULGARIA'S
ETHNIC TURKISH MINORITY WITH BULGARIAN FOREIGN MINISTER PETER
KLAREDOV.

TURKISH AUTHORITIES CLAIM THAT AN ABOUT 1-MILLION-STRONG MOSLEM
MINORITY IN BULGARIA HAS BEEN FORCED TO CHANGE THEIR NAMES IN A
BULGARIANIZATION CAMPAIGN THAT BEGAN IN 1984 AND ARE NOT ALLOWED TO
PRACTICE THEIR RELIGION.

BULGARIA MAINTAINS THE NAME CHANGES WERE VOLUNTARY AND DENIES
THAT THERE IS RELIGIOUS INTOLERANCE.

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YUGOSLAVIA-BALKAN CONFERENCE

FIRST MEETING OF BALKAN FOREIGN MINISTERS OPENS WEDNESDAY

BY IVAN STEFANOVIC

ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

BELGRADE, YUGOSLAVIA (AP) - FOREIGN MINISTERS FROM SIX BALKAN NATIONS ARE TO BEGIN MEETING IN BELGRADE ON WEDNESDAY TO DISCUSS WAYS OF TURNING THE AREA -- A HOT SPOT OF BILATERAL DISPUTES -- INTO A PEACEFUL ZONE.

THE THREE-DAY SESSION WILL BE THE FIRST SUCH CONFERENCE SINCE THE END OF WORLD WAR II.

MILITARY, ETHNIC, ENVIRONMENTAL AND POLITICAL DISPUTES MARK RELATIONS AMONG ALL SIX BALKAN NATIONS -- INCLUDING NATO ALLIES GREECE AND TURKEY AS WELL AS WARSAW PACT NEIGHBORS ROMANIA AND BULGARIA.

DIPLOMATS IN BELGRADE SAID THE FOREIGN MINISTERS WERE LIKELY TO AVOID EXPLOSIVE ISSUES AT THE CONFERENCE.

AT A SUMMIT MEETING IN SOFIA ON MONDAY, GREEK PRIME MINISTER ANDREAS PAPANDREOU AND BULGARIAN PRESIDENT AND COMMUNIST PARTY CHIEF TODOR ZHIVKOV EMPHASIZED THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE MEETING AS A FORUM FOR COOPERATION AND WARNED AGAINST RAISING SENSITIVE ISSUES THERE.

PAPANDREOU SAID THE BELGRADE MEETING COULD LEAD TO A SUMMIT MEETING OF BALKAN LEADERS.

"WE HOPE THAT THIS (FOREIGN MINISTERS) MEETING WILL TURN INTO AN INSTITUTION," THE OFFICIAL BULGARIAN NEWS AGENCY BTA QUOTED HIM AS SAYING IN A DINNER SPEECH LATE MONDAY. HE SUGGESTED THAT SUCH MEETINGS BE HELD EVERY TWO YEARS.

ZHIVKOV AGREED THAT "FIRST, IT SHOULD DISCUSS THE QUESTIONS THAT UNITE US," BTA QUOTED HIM AS SAYING. "WE DO NOT UNDERESTIMATE THE CONTRADICTIONS AND THE DIFFICULTIES BETWEEN THE BALKAN STATES, BUT THEY MUST CONTINUE TO BE DISCUSSED ON (A) BILATERAL AND MULTILATERAL BASIS."

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YUGOSLAVIA-BALKAN CONFERENCE, 1ST ADD-CORRECTION

EDS: TO CORRECT SPELLING OF YILMAZ, READ IN 3RD GRAF: MESUT
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GREECE-BULGARIA

PAPANDREOU MAKES TWO-DAY WORKING VISIT TO SOFIA

ATHENS, GREECE (AP) - PREMIER ANDREAS PAPANDREOU FLEW TO SOFIA MONDAY FOR A TWO-DAY WORKING VISIT AND TALKS WITH BULGARIAN LEADER TODOR ZHIVKOV THAT WILL FOCUS ON THIS WEEK'S BALKAN FOREIGN MINISTERS' MEETING IN BELGRADE, YUGOSLAVIA.

PAPANDREOU WAS SCHEDULED TO VISIT SOFIA LAST MONTH ON HIS WAY BACK FROM TALKS WITH TURKISH PREMIER TURGUT OZAL IN SWITZERLAND LAST MONTH, BUT CALLED OFF THE TRIP AT THE LAST MOMENT.

"THE PREMIER'S TRIP TO SOFIA IS DIRECTLY RELATED TO THE BELGRADE CONFERENCE," GREEK FOREIGN MINISTER CAROLOS PAPOULIAS SAID LAST WEEK. PAPANDREOU LAST VISITED SOFIA IN 1986.

GREECE AND BULGARIA BOTH SUPPORT PLANS TO MAKE THE BALKANS A NUCLEAR AND CHEMICAL WEAPONS-FREE ZONE.

REGIONAL DE-NUCLEARIZATION WILL BE ON THE AGENDA AT THE THREE-DAY FOREIGN MINISTERS' MEETING STARTING FEBRUARY 24. ALL SIX BALKAN COUNTRIES, INCLUDING SELF-ISOLATED ALBANIA, ARE ATTENDING THE MEETING.

LONG-RUNNING ETHNIC AND POLITICAL DISPUTES STILL DIVIDE THE BALKAN COUNTRIES. GREECE AND TURKEY BELONG TO NATO, BULGARIA AND ROMANIA TO THE WARSAW PACT WHILE YUGOSLAVIA IS NON-ALIGNED AND ALBANIA REJECTS ALLIANCES.

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GREECE-BALKANS, 1ST ADD

ATHENS: ALL ALLIANCES.

RELATIONS AMONG MOST BALKAN COUNTRIES ARE STILL STRAINED BY BILATERAL QUARRELS OVER ETHNIC MINORITIES THAT DATE BACK TO THE LATE 19TH CENTURY WHEN MUCH OF THE REGION BELONGED TO THE OTTOMAN EMPIRE.

PAPANDREOU REVIVED A BALKAN COOPERATION INITIATIVE LAUNCHED BY GREECE IN 1975. BUT INSTEAD OF FOCUSING ON NON-CONTROVERSIAL ISSUES LIKE TRADE AND TOURISM, THE GREEK PREMIER WANTS THE BALKAN COUNTRIES TO DECLARE THEIR REGION A NUCLEAR-FREE AND CHEMICAL WEAPONS-FREE ZONE.

PAPOULIAS IS EXPECTED TO RAISE THE DE-NUCLEARIZATION PLAN AT BELGRADE, DESPITE OPPOSITION FROM TURKEY.

THE IDEA OF A NUCLEAR-FREE BALKANS IS SUPPORTED BY BULGARIA AND ROMANIA, BUT BOTH YUGOSLAVIA AND ALBANIA HAVE DESCRIBED IT AS UNREALISTIC.

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GREECE-BALKANS

PROULIS HEADS FOR BALKAN FOREIGN MINISTERS MEETING
 ATHENS, GREECE (AP) - FOREIGN MINISTER GEORGOS PROULIS
 FILED TO BELGRADE TUESDAY FOR A MEETING OF FOREIGN MINISTERS FROM
 THE SIX BALKAN COUNTRIES, INCLUDING RECLUSIVE ALBANIA.

THE THREE-DAY MEETING FIRST PROPOSED BY YUGOSLAVIA MARKS THE
 FIRST EFFORT FOR HIGH-LEVEL BALKAN COOPERATION SINCE WORLD WAR
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I WILL ALSO MARK ALBANIA'S FIRST APPEARANCE AT A REGIONAL
 FORUM AFTER A DECADe OF REJECTING INVITATIONS TO LOW-LEVEL
 INTER-BALKAN MEETINGS.

PROULIS TRAVELED TO YUGOSLAVIA FROM BULGARIA WHERE HE WAS
 ACCOMPANYING PREMIER ANTONS PROPOREDOV ON A TWO-DAY WORKING
 VISIT; GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS IN ATHENS SAID.

PROPOREDOV TOLD GREEK REPORTERS IN SOFIA ON MONDAY THE
 BALKAN FOREIGN MINISTERS' MEETING SHOULD BECOME A REGULAR EVENT
 HELD EVERY TWO YEARS.

HE SAID THE MINISTERS SHOULD AVOID TURNING THE CONFERENCE
 INTO A FORUM FOR MAJOR BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS, SAYING "SUBJECTS
 THAT WHILE THE BALKANS RATHER THAN THOSE THAT DIVIDE THEM SHOULD
 BE DISCUSSED."

THE BALKAN COUNTRIES BELONG TO DIFFERENT MILITARY ALLIANCES
 AND POLITICAL SYSTEMS, GREECE AND TURKEY ARE NATO-MEMBERS, WHILE
 YUGOSLAVIA AND ROMANIA BELONG TO THE WARSAW PACT. YUGOSLAVIA IS
 NON-ALIGNED AND ALBANIA REJECTS ALL ALLIANCES.

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GREECE-BULGARIA NIGHT LD-WRITETHRU

PAPANDREOU ARRIVES IN SOFIA ON TWO-DAY VISIT

VIENNA, AUSTRIA (AP) - GREEK PREMIER ANDREAS PAPANDREOU ARRIVED IN SOFIA ON MONDAY FOR A TWO-DAY VISIT AND TALKS WITH BULGARIAN LEADER TODOR ZHIVKOV THAT WILL FOCUS ON THIS WEEK'S BALKAN FOREIGN MINISTERS' MEETING IN BELGRADE, YUGOSLAVIA.

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ON HIS ARRIVAL IN THE BULGARIAN CAPITAL, PAPANDREOU EXPRESSED HOPE THAT THE BELGRADE CONFERENCE WILL BE A SUCCESS, THE STATE BTA NEWS AGENCY REPORTED.

"OUR COMMON GOAL IS TO MAKE THIS MEETING SUCCESSFUL," PAPANDREOU WAS QUOTED AS SAYING. "IT WILL REVIEW MULTILATERAL, NOT BILATERAL QUESTIONS, IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE ALL-BALKAN COOPERATION IN ECONOMY, TRADE, CULTURE.

"I BELIEVE THAT THE TURNING OF MULTILATERAL ISSUES INTO BILATERAL DISPUTES BETWEEN THE PARTICIPANTS MUST BE PREVENTED" AT THE MEETING STARTING WEDNESDAY, PAPANDREOU SAID.

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TURKEY - BULGARIA

BULGARIA SENDS TEN CHILDREN TO JOIN THEIR FAMILIES

EDIRNE, TURKEY (AP) - BULGARIA ON TUESDAY ALLOWED TEN CHILDREN OF TURKISH DESCENT TO REUNITE WITH THEIR FAMILIES, WHO HAD DEFECTED TO TURKEY, TURKISH NEWS AGENCIES REPORTED.

SIX GIRLS AND FOUR BOYS, AGES 7 TO 20, WERE DRIVEN BY BULGARIAN OFFICIALS TO THE KAPIKULE BORDER GATE, WHERE THEY WERE HANDED OVER TO TURKISH AUTHORITIES, THE SEMI-OFFICIAL ANATOLIA NEWS AGENCY REPORTED.

IT SAID THE CHILDREN HAD BEEN SEPARATED 5 TO 7 YEARS FROM THEIR PARENTS, AFTER THEY HAD TAKEN ASYLUM IN TURKEY.

THEIR ARRIVAL BROUGHT TO 64 THE NUMBER OF SUCH CHILDREN WHO HAVE BEEN REUNITED WITH THEIR FAMILIES IN THE PAST TWO YEARS.

RELATIONS BETWEEN TURKEY AND BULGARIA HAVE BEEN STRAINED SINCE 1984 OVER AN ALLEGED BULGARIAN CAMPAIGN TO FORCE THE ASSIMILATION OF 900,000 PEOPLE OF TURKISH ORIGIN.

THE BULGARIAN GOVERNMENT DENIES THE EXISTENCE OF AN ETHNIC TURKISH MINORITY, CLAIMING THE COUNTRY'S MOSLEM INHABITANTS ARE DESCENDANTS OF ULGARIANS WHO WERE CONVERTED TO ISLAM DURING 500 YEARS OF OTTOMAN RULE.

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BULGARIAN-TURKISH BELGRADE, YUGOSLAVIA (AP) - BULGARIA AND TURKEY, IN A SURPRISE DEVELOPMENT ON TUESDAY SIGNED A PROTOCOL ON GOOD NEIGHBOR RELATIONS APPARENTLY AVERTING A SHOWDOWN OVER MINORITIES AT THE BALKAN FOREIGN MINISTERS MEETING OPENING HERE WEDNESDAY.

THE ON-GOING FEUD OVER ETHNIC TURKS, WHO ARE ALLEGEDLY BEING BULGARIANIZED, HAS BEEN POISONING RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO BALKAN COUNTRIES AND THREATENED THE SUCCESS OF THE MEETING. THE PROTOCOL SIGNED BY THE TWO FOREIGN MINISTERS, WHO CAME HERE TUESDAY FOR THE FIRST MEETING OF SIX BALKAN NATIONS, SAID THEY WERE "PROCEEDING FROM THEIR WISH TO FURTHER RELATIONS OF GOOD-NEIGHBORLINESS" TO SET UP A JOINT WORKING GROUP TO PREPARE A DRAFT JOINT DECLARATION ON THEIR ATTITUDE.

PETAR MLADENOV OF BULGARIA AND MESUT YILMAZ SAID IN THEIR PROTOCOL THAT A SECOND HIGH-LEVEL JOINT WORKING WILL BE SET UP TO REVIEW STEPS FOR "ACCELERATION OF COOPERATION" BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES -- IN ECONOMY, TRANSPORT AND CULTURE.

THE FOREIGN MINISTERS AGREED ALSO TO EXCHANGE "PERIODICAL MUTUAL VISITS AND REVIEW THE ACTIVITIES" OF THE TWO WORKING GROUPS WITH "REGULAR POLITICAL CONSULTATIONS" BETWEEN MINISTRIES OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

THE TEXT OF THE PROTOCOL WAS MADE AVAILABLE TO THE ASSOCIATED PRESS BY A SOURCE WHO COULD NOT BE IDENTIFIED.

BEFORE THE PROTOCOL WAS SIGNED, SOURCES SAID THE TURKISH DELEGATION PLANNED TO RAISE THE ISSUE OF ETHNIC TURKS WHO WERE BEING ALLEGEDLY BULGARIANIZED.

A TURKISH DELEGATE HAD TOLD THE ASSOCIATED PRESS THEY WERE "CERTAINLY GOING TO RAISE THE ISSUE."

A TURKISH DIPLOMAT, HOWEVER, NOW TOLD THE AP HE WAS "SURPRISED, I HEARD SOMETHING BUT DO NOT KNOW THE DETAILS" -- INDICATING THE SPEED THAT ACCOMPANIED THE PROTOCOL SIGNING.

THE PREVIOUS SUCH DOCUMENT WAS SIGNED BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES IN 1975.

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TURKEY - BULGARIA

BULGARIA SENDS 10 CHILDREN TO JOIN THEIR FAMILIES
WHEREIN TURKEY OP, - BULGARIA OF THESE CHILDREN
OF TURKISH RESIDENT TO LEAVE THE COUNTRY AND JOIN THEIR FAMILIES,
AND HAS EFFECTED TO TURKEY YEARS EARLIER, TURKISH HAS RESIDES
CHILD.

THE SEMI-OFFICIAL AMBULIN HAS BEEN SAID BULGARIAN OFFICIALS
WROTE SIX GIRLS AND FOUR BOYS, AGES 7 TO 20, TO THE REPUBLIC BORDER
CITY AND THEN TURNED THEM OVER TO TURKISH AUTHORITIES.

I SAID THE CHILDREN HAS BEEN SEPARATED FROM THEIR PARENTS FOR
FIVE TO SEVEN YEARS.

THEIR ARRIVAL BROUGHT TO 64 THE NUMBER OF SUCH CHILDREN WHO
HAVE BEEN REPORTED WITH THEIR FAMILIES IN THE PAST TWO YEARS.

CHILDREN BETWEEN TURKEY AND BULGARIA HAVE BEEN SEPARATED SINCE
1994 OVER AN ALLEGED BULGARIAN CONVICTION TO FORCE THE RESIDENTS OF
OF 30,000 PEOPLE OF TURKISH ORIGIN.

THE BULGARIAN GOVERNMENT DENIES THE EXISTENCE OF SUCH
TERRORISM. IT CLAIMS THE COUNTRY'S POLICE HAD BEEN
RECEIVING REPORTS OF BULGARIANS WHO WERE CONVERTED TO ISLAM DURING 50
YEARS OF OTTOMAN RULE.

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ISLAMIC-(TURKEY-BULGARIA) 1ST LD

WITH ISLAMIC CONFERENCE

EDS: CORRECTS FIRST LETTER OF GROUP LEADER'S NAME

AMMAN, JORDAN (AP) - ETHNIC TURKISH MOSLEMS IN BULGARIA ARE FORCED TO TAKE CHRISTIAN NAMES; PREVENTED FROM CELEBRATING ISLAMIC WEDDINGS AND BANNED FROM READING THE KORAN; THE LEADER OF A FACT-FINDING TEAM SAID WEDNESDAY.

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NASIF, A SAUDI ARABIAN WHO IS ALSO SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE ISLAMIC WORLD LEAGUE, PRESENTED A REPORT TO THE FOREIGN MINISTERS OF THE 46-MEMBER OIC WHO ARE GATHERED IN AMMAN FOR THEIR ANNUAL MEETING.

BUT BULGARIAN CHIEF MUFTI MIRAN TOPCHIEV, THE NOMINAL LEADER OF BULGARIA'S MOSLEMS, DENIED THE EXISTENCE OF RELIGIOUS OR ETHNIC PERSECUTION IN BULGARIA.

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ISLAMIC-TURKEY-BULGARIA; 1st Add

AMMAN; THREE-MAN TEAM.

IT RECOMMENDED VARIOUS APPROACHES, URGING MOSLEM NATIONS TO EXPRESS THEIR 'DEEP CONCERN' TO THE BULGARIAN AUTHORITIES AS WELL AS NOTIFYING SOFIA THAT TRADE AND OTHER ECONOMIC RELATIONS COULD BE AFFECTED IF THE 'PERSECUTION' CONTINUES.

TOPCHIEV, THE BULGARIAN MUFTI, SAID IN A MESSAGE TO THE ISLAMIC CONFERENCE TUESDAY: 'WE WOULD LIKE TO INFORM YOU THAT THE BULGARIANS PROFESSING THE MOSLEM FAITH ENJOY COMPLETE FREEDOM AS GUARANTEED UNDER THE CONSTITUTION AND THE LAW OF THE LAND.'

'IN NO CASE HAVE MOSLEMS BEEN RESTRICTED OR IMPEDED IN ANY WAY IN THE EXERCISE OF THEIR RIGHTS TO PERFORM RELIGIOUS SERVICES AND RIGHTS,' HE SAID.

HE ACKNOWLEDGED THAT MOSLEMS WERE ADOPTING WHAT HE CALLED 'THEIR NATIONAL NAMES,' BUT HE CLAIMED THIS WAS 'OF THE MOSLEMS' OWN FREE WILL.'

TURKISH FOREIGN MINISTER NESUT YILMAZ ON TUESDAY LAUDED THE WORK OF THE FACT-FINDING TEAM AND ACCUSED BULGARIA OF 'MASSIVE AND SYSTEMATIC VIOLATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS.'

RELATIONS BETWEEN TURKEY AND BULGARIA HAVE BEEN STRAINED SINCE 1984 OVER THE ALLEGED BULGARIAN CAMPAIGN TO FORCE THE ASSIMILATION OF THE ETHNIC TURKISH MINORITY.

ACCORDING TO AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL, THE LONDON-BASED GROUP THAT MONITORS HUMAN RIGHTS WORLDWIDE, AT LEAST 100 BULGARIANS OF TURKISH ORIGIN WERE KILLED AND SEVERAL HUNDRED IMPRISONED FOR RESISTING A FORCED CAMPAIGN TO CHANGE THEIR NAMES TO BULGARIAN-SOUNDING ONES.

THE SOFIA GOVERNMENT DENIES THE EXISTENCE OF AN ETHNIC TURKISH MINORITY, CLAIMING THEY ARE DESCENDANTS OF BULGARIANS WHO WERE CONVERTED TO ISLAM DURING 500 YEARS OF OTTOMAN RULE.

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ISLAMIC-TURKEY-BULGARIA

WITH ISLAMIC CONFERENCE

FACT-FINDING GROUP DECRIES MOSLEM PLIGHT IN BULGARIA

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NASIF SAID THE ESTIMATED 900,000 BULGARIANS OF TURKISH MOSLEM ORIGIN WERE "DEPRIVED OF THEIR PRIVACY, FREEDOM AND NATURAL RIGHTS."

HE SAID THE COMMUNIST GOVERNMENT WAS FORCING THE MOSLEMS TO TAKE CHRISTIAN NAMES, BANNING THEM FROM CONDUCTING ISLAMIC CEREMONIES INCLUDING WEDDINGS, AND STOPPING THEM FROM READING THE KORAN, THE MOSLEM HOLY BOOK.

THE OFFICIAL, WHO SPOKE TO REPORTERS HERE, CALLED ON ISLAMIC COUNTRIES TO "PUT PRESSURE ON THE BULGARIAN GOVERNMENT TO STOP ALL ITS RESTRICTIONS AGAINST MOSLEMS."

MEANWHILE THE ENGLISH-LANGUAGE JORDAN TIMES SEPARATELY QUOTED PORTIONS OF THE WRITTEN REPORT SUBMITTED BY THE THREE-MAN TEAM.

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TURKEY-BULGARIA 1ST ADD

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BUT, HE SAID VASSILIOU'S SUBSEQUENT RESPONSE TO AN OFFER BY RAUF DENKTASH, PRESIDENT OF THE BREAKAWAY TURKISH REPUBLIC OF NORTHERN CYPRUS, TO MEET INFORMALLY 'HAS DISAPPOINTED ALL WHO EARNESTLY DESIRE REACHING A NEGOTIATED SOLUTION.'

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TURKISH TROOPS INVADED THE NORTHERN THIRD OF THE ISLAND IN 1974, CITING THE NEED TO PROTECT THE TURKISH MINORITY ON THE MEDITERRANEAN ISLAND AFTER A GREEK CYPRIOT COUP D'ETAT AIMED AT UNITING THE ISLAND WITH GREECE.

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TURKEY-BULGARIA

WITH ISLAMIC CONFERENCE

TURKEY DENOUNCES BULGARIA'S TREATMENT OF MOSLEM MINORITY

AMMAN, JORDAN (AP) - TURKISH FOREIGN MINISTER NESUT YILMAZ ON

TUESDAY DENOUNCED BULGARIA'S TREATMENT OF ITS 900,000-STRONG ETHNIC TURKISH MINORITY.

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"THE SUCCESS OF THIS PROCESS DEPENDS LARGELY ON WHETHER BULGARIA WILL IMPLEMENT THIS AGREEMENT IN SPIRIT AND LETTER," HE SAID, WITH THE AIM OF PRESERVING "THE RELIGIOUS, ETHNIC AND CULTURAL IDENTITY OF THE MOSLEM TURKS IN BULGARIA."

YILMAZ PAID TRIBUTE TO THE WORK OF AN OIC DELEGATION THAT VISITED BULGARIA IN JUNE LAST YEAR TO EXAMINE THE CONDITIONS OF THE MOSLEM MINORITY, SAYING ITS REPORT "UNCOVERS THE DIMENSION OF THE POLICY OF OPPRESSION AND FORCIBLE ASSIMILATION TO WHICH THE MOSLEM MINORITY IN BULGARIA IS SUBJECTED."

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TURKEY-BULGARIA

WITH ISLAMIC CONFERENCE

TURKEY DEMOUNCES BULGARIA'S TREATMENT OF MOSLEM MINORITY

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@@THE SUCCESS OF THIS PROCESS DEPENDS LARGELY ON WHETHER BULGARIA WILL IMPLEMENT THIS AGREEMENT IN SPIRIT AND LETTER,' HE SAID, WITH THE AIM OF PRESERVING @@THE RELIGIOUS, ETHNIC AND CULTURAL IDENTITY OF THE MOSLEM TURKS IN BULGARIA.''

YILMAZ PAID TRIBUTE TO THE WORK OF AN OIC DELEGATION THAT VISITED BULGARIA IN JUNE LAST YEAR TO EXAMINE THE CONDITIONS OF THE MOSLEM MINORITY, SAYING ITS REPORT @@UNCOVERS THE DIMENSION OF THE POLICY OF OPPRESSION AND FORCIBLE ASSIMILATION TO WHICH THE MOSLEM MINORITY IN BULGARIA IS SUBJECTED.''

RELATIONS BETWEEN TURKEY AND BULGARIA HAVE BEEN STRAINED SINCE 1984 OVER AN ALLEGED BULGARIAN CAMPAIGN TO FORCE THE ASSIMILATION OF THE ETHNIC TURKISH MINORITY.

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BULGARIA-TURKS

WITH AMMAN - TURKEY-BULGARIA

VIENNA, AUSTRIA (AP) - BULGARIAN CHIEF MUFTI MIRAN TOPCHIEV AND SIX REGIONAL MUFTIS, IN A MESSAGE TO THE MEETING OF FOREIGN MINISTERS OF THE ORGANIZATION OF ISLAMIC CONFERENCE IN AMMAN, TUESDAY DENIED THE EXISTENCE OF RELIGIOUS OR ETHNIC PERSECUTION IN BULGARIA.

THE MESSAGE, DISTRIBUTED ABROAD BY THE BULGARIAN STATE NEWS AGENCY ATA, CAME ONLY HOURS AFTER TURKISH FOREIGN MINISTER NESUT YILMAZ DEMOUNCED BULGARIA'S TREATMENT OF ITS 900,000-STRONG ETHNIC TURKISH MINORITY.

ACCORDING TO WESTERN DIPLOMATS AND NEWSPAPERS, THE BULGARIAN TURKS, NEARLY ALL OF THEM OF MUSLIM FAITH, WERE FORCED TO CHANGE THEIR NAMES INTO BULGARIAN NAMES IN A NATIONWIDE, OFTEN VIOLENT CAMPAIGN BEGUN IN 1984.

THE BULGARIAN MUFTIS, IN ACCORDANCE WITH OFFICIAL POLICY, ONLY REFERRED TO "MUSLIM BULGARIANS." THE SOFIA GOVERNMENT DENIES THAT THERE IS A TURKISH MINORITY.

"WE HAVE LEARNED THAT YOUR MEETING WILL ALSO RAISE THE QUESTION ABOUT THE CONDITION OF MUSLIM BULGARIANS," SAID THE LENGTHY MESSAGE, APPARENTLY INSPIRED BY THE BULGARIAN GOVERNMENT, ADDING "IN THIS CONNECTION WE WOULD LIKE TO INFORM YOU THAT THE BULGARIANS PROFESSING THE MUSLIM FAITH ENJOY COMPLETE FREEDOM AS GUARANTEED UNDER THE CONSTITUTION AND THE LAW OF THE LAND."

THE MESSAGE ALSO SAID THAT, "IN NO CASE HAVE MUSLIMS BEEN RESTRICTED OR IMPEDED IN ANY WAY WHATSOEVER IN THE EXERCISE OF THEIR RIGHTS TO PERFORM RELIGIOUS SERVICES AND RIGHTS."

REACTING TO REPORTS ABOUT THE FORCED NAME CHANGE CAMPAIGN, THE BULGARIAN CLERGYMEN, AS REPORTED BY BTA, SAID:

"IT HAS BEEN FALSELY ALLEGED THAT THE MUSLIMS HAVE BEEN FORCED TO RESTORE THEIR NATIONAL NAMES. THIS PHENOMENON, WHICH OCCURS IN MANY OTHER COUNTRIES, TOO, HAS BEEN UNDERWAY IN BULGARIA FOR DECADES NOW AND HAS BEEN EFFECTED OF THE MUSLIMS' OWN FREE WILL."

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ISLAMIC-TURKEY-BULGARIA; 1ST AND

PMHRM; THREE-MAN TEAM.

I RECOMMENDED VARIOUS APPROACHES, URGING MOSLEM NATIONS TO EXPRESS THEIR DEEPEST CONCERN; TO THE BULGARIAN AUTHORITIES AS WELL AS NOTIFYING SOFIA THAT TRADE AND OTHER ECONOMIC RELATIONS COULD BE AFFECTED IF THE PERSECUTIONS CONTINUES.

TOPCHEV, THE BULGARIAN MUFTI, SAID IN A MESSAGE TO THE ISLAMIC CONFERENCE TUESDAY: WE WOULD LIKE TO INFORM YOU THAT THE BULGARIANS PROFESSING THE MOSLEM FAITH ENJOY COMPLETE FREEDOM AS GUARANTEED UNDER THE CONSTITUTION AND THE LAW OF THE LAND.;

WEIN NO CASE HAVE MOSLEMS BEEN RESTRICTED OR IMPEDED IN ANY WAY IN THE EXERCISE OF THEIR RIGHTS TO PERFORM RELIGIOUS SERVICES AND RIGHTS,' HE SAID.

HE ACKNOWLEDGED THAT MOSLEMS WERE ADOPTING WHAT HE CALLED THEIR NATIONAL NAMES,; BUT HE CLAIMED THIS WAS NOT THE MOSLEMS' OWN FREE WILL.;

TURKISH FOREIGN MINISTER MESUT YILMAZ ON TUESDAY LAUNDED THE WORK OF THE FACT-FINDING TEAM AND ACCUSED BULGARIA OF AGGRESSIVE AND SYSTEMATIC VIOLATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS.;

RELATIONS BETWEEN TURKEY AND BULGARIA HAVE BEEN STRAINED SINCE 1984 OVER THE ALLEGED BULGARIAN CAMPAIGN TO FORCE THE ASSIMILATION OF THE ETHNIC TURKISH MINORITY.

ACCORDING TO AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL, THE LONDON-BASED GROUP THAT MONITORS HUMAN RIGHTS WORLDWIDE, AT LEAST 100 BULGARIANS OF TURKISH ORIGIN WERE KILLED AND SEVERAL HUNDRED IMPRISONED FOR RESISTING A FORCED CAMPAIGN TO CHANGE THEIR NAMES TO BULGARIAN-SOUNDING ONES.

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ISLAMIC-TURKEY-BULGARIA, 1ST LD

WITH ISLAMIC CONFERENCE

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AMMAN, JORDAN (AP) - ETHNIC TURKISH MOSLEMS IN BULGARIA ARE FORCED TO TAKE CHRISTIAN NAMES, PREVENTED FROM CELEBRATING ISLAMIC WEDDINGS AND BANNED FROM READING THE KORAN, THE LEADER OF A FACT-FINDING TEAM SAID WEDNESDAY.

'WE WANT PRACTICAL SOLUTIONS TO THIS PROBLEM SOON,' SAID ABDULLAH OMAR NASIF, WHO HEADED A THREE-MAN GROUP SENT TO BULGARIA LAST JUNE BY THE ORGANIZATION OF THE ISLAMIC CONFERENCE.

NASIF, A SAUDI ARABIAN WHO IS ALSO SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE ISLAMIC WORLD LEAGUE, PRESENTED A REPORT TO THE FOREIGN MINISTERS OF THE 46-MEMBER OIC WHO ARE GATHERED IN AMMAN FOR THEIR ANNUAL MEETING.

BUT BULGARIAN CHIEF MUFTI MIRAN TOPCHIEV, THE NOMINAL LEADER OF BULGARIA'S MOSLEMS, DENIED THE EXISTENCE OF RELIGIOUS OR ETHNIC PERSECUTION IN BULGARIA.

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ISLAMIC-TURKEY-BULGARIA

WITH ISLAMIC CONFERENCE

FACT-FINDING GROUP DECRIES MOSLEM FLIGHT IN BULGARIA
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ORIGIN WERE GRIEVED OF THEIR PRIVACY, FREEDOM AND NATURAL
RIGHTS.;

HE SAID THE COMMUNIST GOVERNMENT WAS FORCING THE MOSLEMS TO
TAKE CHRISTIAN NAMES, BANNING THEM FROM CONDUCTING ISLAMIC
CEREMONIES INCLUDING WEDDINGS, AND STOPPING THEM FROM WEARING THE
KORAN, THE MOSLEM HOLY BOOK.

THE OFFICIAL, WHO SPOKE TO REPORTERS HERE, CALLED ON ISLAMIC
COUNTRIES TO GENTLE PRESSURE ON THE BULGARIAN GOVERNMENT TO STOP ALL
ITS RESTRICTIONS AGAINST MOSLEMS.;

WHENWHILE THE ENGLISH-LANGUAGE JORDAN TIMES SEPARATELY QUOTED
PORTIONS OF THE WRITTEN REPORT SUBMITTED BY THE THREE-MAN TEAM,
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EDS: UPDATES WITH SPOKESMAN'S COMMENT; NEW TO SOME POINTS<

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STATE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN CHARLES REDMAN SAID THE MEETING WITH ANDREI LUKANOV, BULGARIAN MINISTER OF FOREIGN ECONOMIC RELATIONS, FOCUSED ON EXPLANATIONS OF BULGARIA'S RECENT ECONOMIC REFORMS.

REDMAN SAID LUKANOV'S VISIT TO WASHINGTON, THE FIRST BY A BULGARIAN CABINET MEMBER SINCE WORLD WAR II, WAS @@PART OF THE ONGOING EFFORT TO PROMOTE BROADER DIALOGUE WITH EASTERN EUROPE.''

ANOTHER OFFICIAL DESCRIBED THE 30-MINUTE MEETING AS @@CORDIAL, BUT FRANK.''

HE SAID SHULTZ REMAINED DISSATISFIED WITH WHAT HE REGARDS AS BULGARIAN HUMAN RIGHTS REPRESSION.

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SAID THE OFFICIAL, WHO SPOKE ON CONDITION HE NOT BE NAMED.

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SHULTZ MEETS WITH BULGARIAN MINISTER<

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BULGARIA-TURKEY, 1ST ADD
VIENNA: OTTOMAN RULE.

THE BTA REPORT DID NOT MAKE ANY MENTION OF THE ETHNIC MINORITY ISSUE, BUT IN AN EARLIER DISPATCH THIS MONTH THE AGENCY SAID "THE ILLEGAL ATTEMPTS OF TURKEY TO INTERFERE IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF BULGARIA AND TO SUBMIT FOR DISCUSSION NON-EXISTING PROBLEMS ABOUT SOME 'TURKISH MINORITY'...(HAVE) NEVER BEEN A SUBJECT IN TALKS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES."

THE TWO SIDES ALSO CONFERRED ON IMPROVING COOPERATION BETWEEN THE MASS MEDIA OF BULGARIA AND TURKEY, BORDER REGULATION OF TERRITORIAL WATERS AND POLLUTION CONTROL IN THE BLACK SEA, AND CONSULAR ISSUES REGARDING THE TRANSITING OF PERSONS AND GOODS. THE REPORT DID NOT SPELL OUT ANY SPECIFICS.

AN AGREEMENT WAS REACHED FOR A MEETING BETWEEN BULGARIAN AND TURKISH CUSTOMS OFFICIALS TO FINALIZE AN ACCORD ON PREVENTING ILLEGAL TRAFFICKING OF GOODS AND ENHANCING "THE JOINT EFFORTS IN THE STRUGGLE AGAINST ILLEGAL TRAFFIC OF NARCOTICS," BTA REPORTED WITHOUT ELABORATING.

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BULGARIA-TURKEY

JOINT GROUP DISCUSSES POLITICAL ISSUES IN A BID TO IMPROVE
BILATERAL RELATIONS

VIENNA, AUSTRIA (AP) - COOPERATION IN THE STRUGGLE AGAINST
TERRORISM, ARMS AND DRUG SMUGGLING AND HUMANITARIAN ISSUES WERE
DISCUSSED BY BULGARIAN AND TURKISH OFFICIALS IN A BID TO IMPROVE
BILATERAL RELATIONS, THE BULGARIAN BTA NEWS AGENCY REPORTED
THURSDAY.

ACCORDING TO THE REPORT MONITORED IN VIENNA, NUZHET KANDEMIR,
TURKISH FIRST DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER AND HIS BULGARIAN COUNTERPART
IVAN GANEV MET IN SOFIA FROM MAY 9 THROUGH 11 TO EXAMINE MEASURES
"TO STRENGTHEN MUTUAL CONFIDENCE AND IMPROVE THE (POLITICAL)
ATMOSPHERE."

THE MEETING WAS THE FIRST OF A SPECIALLY ESTABLISHED JOINT
WORKING GROUP CHARGED TO SURVEY POLITICAL ISSUES, ACCORDING TO A
PROTOCOL SIGNED BY FOREIGN MINISTERS OF BULGARIA AND TURKEY ON
FEB. 23, 1988.

RELATIONS BETWEEN TURKEY AND BULGARIA HAVE BEEN STRAINED SINCE
1984 OVER AN ALLEGED BULGARIAN CAMPAIGN TO FORCE THE ASSIMILATION
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MINORITY, CLAIMING THEY ARE DESCENDANTS OF BULGARIANS WHO WERE
CONVERTED TO ISLAM DURING 500 YEARS OF OTTOMAN RULE.

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BULGARIA-TURKEY

JOINT SESSION TO TRY BOOST ECONOMIC TIES

SOFIA, BULGARIA (AP) - TALKS TO BOOST LAGGING ECONOMIC COOPERATION IN TRADE, TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND TRANSPORT BETWEEN BULGARIA AND TURKEY OPENED HERE THURSDAY; THE OFFICIAL BTA NEWS AGENCY REPORTED.

THE TALKS, TO END ON FRIDAY, WERE ATTENDED BY TURKISH DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER FOR ECONOMIC AFFAIRS TANSUG BLEDA AND HRISTO HRISTOV; BULGARIAN MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN ECONOMIC RELATIONS; THE REPORT SAID.

THE SESSION WAS THE SECOND SUCH GATHERING SINCE MAY, WHEN THE SAME OFFICIALS MET IN ANKARA TO DISCUSS OPPORTUNITIES FOR A "POSITIVE" PROMOTION OF BILATERAL ECONOMIC RELATIONS.

RELATIONS BETWEEN BULGARIA AND TURKEY HAVE BEEN STRAINED SINCE 1984 OVER TURKISH COMPLAINTS OF AN ALLEGED BULGARIAN CAMPAIGN TO FORCE THE ASSIMILATION OF THE 900,000-STRONG ETHNIC TURKISH MINORITY.

THE SOFIA GOVERNMENT DENIES THE EXISTENCE OF AN ETHNIC TURKISH MINORITY; CLAIMING THEY ARE DESCENDANTS OF BULGARIANS WHO WERE CONVERTED TO ISLAM DURING 500 YEARS OF OTTOMAN RULE.

RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES HAVE IMPROVED AFTER A CONFERENCE OF BALKAN FOREIGN MINISTERS WAS HELD LAST FEBRUARY IN BELGRADE, YUGOSLAVIA'S CAPITAL.

AT THE MEETING, BULGARIA AND TURKEY SIGNED A PROTOCOL ON THE PROMOTION OF RELATIONS OF GOODNEIGHBORLINESS, FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION.

UNDER THE PROTOCOL, AN ECONOMIC COMMISSION AND A WORKING GROUP ON POLITICAL ISSUES TO SETTLE THE EXISTING DIFFERENCES IN BILATERAL RELATIONS WERE SET UP.

IN MAY, WARSAW PACT MEMBER BULGARIA AND TURKEY, WHICH BELONGS TO NATO, DISCUSSED COOPERATION IN THE STRUGGLE AGAINST TERRORISM AND DRUG SMUGGLING, AND HUMANITARIAN ISSUES IN SOFIA IN A FIRST BID TO IMPROVE BILATERAL RELATIONS.

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GREECE-BULGARIANS

LEAVE FOR TURKEY UNDER POLICE ESCORT

KOMOTINI, GREECE (AP) - A BULGARIAN PARLIAMENTARIAN AND HER FAMILY DROVE TO TURKEY ON THURSDAY, THREE DAYS AFTER THEY SOUGHT ASYLUM AT THE TURKISH CONSULATE IN THIS NORTHERN GREEK TOWN, A POLICE SOURCE SAID.

MRS SEYDIYE TAHIROVA, HER HUSBAND AHMET AND THEIR FOUR-YEAR-OLD SON TAMER LEFT THE CONSULATE UNDER POLICE ESCORT AFTER THE GREEK FOREIGN MINISTRY GAVE THEM PERMISSION TO LEAVE THE COUNTRY, THE SOURCE SAID, SPEAKING ON CONDITION OF ANONYMITY.

TURKISH AUTHORITIES ALREADY HAD GRANTED THEM ASYLUM, THE SOURCE SAID.

THE TAHIROVS ASKED FOR ASYLUM AT THE CONSULATE ON MONDAY, SAYING THEY WERE OF TURKISH DESCENT AND WANTED TO LIVE IN TURKEY.

MRS TAHIROVA IS A REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE PLOVDIV REGION IN COMMUNIST BULGARIA'S 400-MEMBER NATIONAL ASSEMBLY. HER HUSBAND WORKED IN A CHINA FACTORY, THE POLICE SOURCE SAID.

THE FAMILY DROVE INTO GREECE SEPTEMBER 12 AND SPENT A WEEK VACATIONING BEFORE THEY ARRIVED IN KOMOTINI, LOCATED 40 MILES (64 KILOMETERS) FROM THE GREEK-TURKISH BORDER.

THE 900,000-STRONG ETHNIC TURKISH MINORITY IN BULGARIA UNDERWENT FORCED ASSIMILATION IN 1984-85. ITS MEMBERS WERE REQUIRED TO ADOPT BULGARIAN NAMES AND STOP SPEAKING TURKISH IN PUBLIC.

ACCORDING TO INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS ORGANIZATIONS, MORE THAN 100 ETHNIC TURKS WERE KILLED IN CLASHES WITH BULGARIAN TROOPS AFTER THEY REFUSED TO ACCEPT NEW IDENTITIES.

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GREECE-BULGARIANS

SEEK POLITICAL ASYLUM AT TURKISH CONSULATE

KOMOTINI, GREECE (AP) - A BULGARIAN PARLIAMENTARIAN AND HER FAMILY HAVE SOUGHT POLITICAL ASYLUM AT THE TURKISH CONSULATE IN THIS NORTHERN GREEK TOWN, A POLICE SOURCE SAID TUESDAY.

THE SOURCE, WHO ASKED FOR ANONYMITY IN ACCORDANCE WITH GREEK PRACTICE, SAID THE BULGARIANS WERE STAYING IN THE CONSULATE AFTER MAKING THE ASYLUM REQUEST ON MONDAY.

THEY WERE IDENTIFIED AS SEYDIYE TAHIROVA, A REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE PLOVDIV DISTRICT IN THE COMMUNIST COUNTRY'S 400-MEMBER NATIONAL ASSEMBLY; HER HUSBAND AHMET AND THEIR FOUR-YEAR-OLD SON TAMER.

THE POLICE SOURCE SAID THE FAMILY DROVE ACROSS THE GREEK-BULGARIAN BORDER ON SEPTEMBER 12 AND SPENT A WEEK VACATIONING IN GREECE BEFORE ARRIVING IN KOMOTINI.

IN ANKARA, A TURKISH FOREIGN MINISTRY SPOKESMAN SAID PROCEDURES TO BRING THE TAHIROVS TO TURKEY ALREADY WERE UNDERWAY.

THE POLICE SOURCE SAID GREEK AUTHORITIES ASSUMED THE TAHIROV FAMILY WAS OF TURKISH DESCENT.

DURING A FORCED ASSIMILATION CAMPAIGN FROM 1984-1985, MORE THAN 900,000 ETHNIC TURKS LIVING IN BULGARIA WERE REQUIRED TO CHANGE THEIR NAMES AND STOP SPEAKING TURKISH IN PUBLIC. OVER 100 MEMBERS OF THE ETHNIC TURKISH MINORITY WERE KILLED AFTER REFUSING TO ACCEPT NEW IDENTITIES, ACCORDING TO INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS GROUPS.

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LONDON: REPORT SAID.<

IT CITED THE UNITED STATES: WHERE 25 PRISONERS WERE PUT TO DEATH LAST YEAR: FOR EXECUTING JOHN BROGDON: A MAN DIAGNOSED AS MENTALLY RETARDED: AND ANOTHER: EDWARD EARL JOHNSON: DESPITE "SUBSTANTIAL DOUBTS" ABOUT HIS GUILT.

IRAN EXECUTED AT LEAST 158 PEOPLE "ALTHOUGH THE TRUE NUMBER WAS PROBABLY HIGHER:" AND ANOTHER 164 PEOPLE WERE HANGED IN SOUTH AFRICA'S PRETORIA CENTRAL PRISON: IT SAID.

IN THE EASTERN BLOC: IT SAID "LARGE NUMBERS" OF ETHNIC TURKS IN BULGARIA REMAINED IMPRISONED UNDER A CAMPAIGN OF ENFORCED ASSIMILATION. IN ROMANIA AND EAST GERMANY: WHERE ALL PRISONERS OF CONSCIENCE WERE RELEASED IN AMNESTIES: NEW ARRESTS WERE REPORTED OF PEOPLE EXERCISING THEIR RIGHTS TO FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION.

THE SOVIET UNION RELEASED 259 PRISONERS: MOST OF THEM KNOWN PRISONERS OF CONSCIENCE: BUT NEARLY 200 WERE PARDONED UNDER SECRET DECREES THAT FALSELY IMPLIED THAT THEY WERE CRIMINALS AND "HID THE FACT THAT THEY HAD BEEN UNJUSTLY IMPRISONED IN THE FIRST PLACE:" THE REPORT SAID.

ANOTHER 300 PRISONERS OF CONSCIENCE WERE HELD IN PRISONS: IN EXILE OR IN PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITALS: IT SAID.

AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL CONSIDERS THE DEATH PENALTY INHUMANE: AND DEFINES A PRISONER OF CONSCIENCE AS A PERSON IMPRISONED FOR NON-VIOLENT POLITICAL ACTIVITY.

IN CHINA: MORE THAN 200 CONVICTED CRIMINALS WERE PUT TO DEATH FOR OFFENSES RANGING FROM MURDER AND RAPE TO DRUG SMUGGLING: THEFT AND "SHOWING PORNOGRAPHIC MOVIES:" THE REPORT SAID. BUT THAT REPRESENTED "ONLY A FRACTION OF THE TOTAL NUMBER OF DEATH SENTENCES AND EXECUTIONS:" IT SAID.

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RIGHT GROUP CITES ALLEGED ABUSES IN RECORD 135 COUNTRIES<

LONDON (AP) - AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL ON WEDNESDAY CITED A RECORD 135 NATIONS FOR ALLEGED HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES; BUT WAS ENCOURAGED BY THE EMERGENCE OF MORE THAN 1,000 HUMAN RIGHTS GROUPS WORLDWIDE.

THE INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS GROUP SAID THE LIST OF OFFENDERS IN ITS LATEST ANNUAL SURVEY WAS THE LONGEST IT HAS PUBLISHED SINCE ITS FOUNDATION IN 1961.

BUT DESPITE RECORDING ABUSES IN OVER 80 PERCENT OF THE 159 U.N. MEMBER STATES LAST YEAR, AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL DREW ENCOURAGEMENT FROM THE EMERGENCE OF MORE THAN 1,000 HUMAN RIGHTS GROUPS IN RECENT YEARS; AND THE PROLIFERATION OF LAWS TO PROTECT PRISONERS' RIGHTS.

IT SAID GOVERNMENTS RETAINED A VARIETY OF METHODS TO DEFLECT CRITICISM; INCLUDING DEATH SQUADS IN LATIN AMERICA.

"IN AT LEAST HALF THE COUNTRIES OF THE WORLD, PEOPLE ARE LOCKED AWAY FOR SPEAKING THEIR MINDS; OFTEN AFTER TRIALS THAT ARE NO MORE THAN A SHAM," THE 278-PAGE REPORT SAID.

"IN AT LEAST A THIRD OF THE WORLD'S NATIONS, MEN, WOMEN AND CHILDREN ARE TORTURED. IN SCORES OF COUNTRIES, GOVERNMENTS PURSUE THEIR GOALS BY KIDNAPPING AND MURDERING THEIR OWN CITIZENS."

BUT IT ADDED: "MORE THAN EVER BEFORE IN WORLD HISTORY, GOVERNMENTS ARE EXPOSED TO THE GLARE OF INTERNATIONAL PUBLICITY -- THE GREATEST WEAPON WE HAVE."

IT SAID THE DEATH FROM TORTURE OF A SOUTH KOREA STUDENT, PARK CHONG-CHOL, IN JANUARY 1987 SPARKED WIDESPREAD PROTESTS THAT RESULTED IN THE PROSECUTIONS OF EIGHT POLICE OFFICERS AND THE RESIGNATION OF GOVERNMENT MINISTERS.

INDIA, BRITAIN AND ISRAEL SET UP INQUIRIES THAT WERE NOT MADE PUBLIC OR AMOUNTED TO A WHITENASH; TURKEY, CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND EAST GERMANY CLOSED CHANNELS OF INFORMATION TO HIDE VIOLATIONS; AND CHINA, HAITI, SYRIA AND SOUTH AFRICA CLAMPED DOWN ON THE REPORTING OF ABUSES BY DENYING PRISONERS ACCESS TO LAWYERS OR FAMILIES, THE GROUP SAID.

AMONG ALLEGED ABUSES WERE REPORTS THAT SUDANESE FORCES MASSACRED HUNDREDS OF UNARMED DINKA TRIBESPEOPLE; THE SUMMARY EXECUTION BY IRAQ OF HUNDREDS OF UNARMED KURDISH POLITICAL OPPONENTS; THE DISAPPEARANCE OF HUNDREDS OF PERUVIAN PEASANT FARMERS SEIZED BY GOVERNMENT FORCES; AND LARGE-SCALE COURT-IMPOSED EXECUTIONS IN CHINA, SOUTH AFRICA AND IRAN.

THE REPORT ALSO ALLEGED POLITICALLY MOTIVATED KILLINGS BY PRO-GOVERNMENT ASSASSINS IN BRAZIL, EL SALVADOR AND THE PHILIPPINES; AND ARBITRARY ARRESTS, TORTURE AND EXTRALEGAL KILLINGS IN SRI LANKA, AFGHANISTAN AND UGANDA. AN EXTRALEGAL KILLING IS WHAT AMNESTY CALLS THE EXECUTION BY A GOVERNMENT OF A PERSON WHO HAS NOT GONE THROUGH THE DUE PROCESS OF LAW.

IN WESTERN EUROPE, SPAIN WAS CITED FOR ALLEGEDLY TORTURING BASQUE SEPARATIST PRISONERS; BRITAIN FOR FAILING TO PUBLISH A POLICE INQUIRY INTO THE KILLINGS OF SIX UNARMED GUERRILLA SUSPECTS IN NORTHERN IRELAND IN 1982; AND FRANCE, ITALY, AUSTRIA, GREECE, MALTA, NORWAY AND SWITZERLAND FOR JAILING DRAFT OBJECTORS.

AN INDIAN GOVERNMENT INQUIRY INTO THE MASSACRE OF SCORES OF UNARMED MOSLEMS PRODUCED NO RESULTS; WHILE IN ISRAEL, A COURT PERMITTED THE SECRET SERVICE TO USE "A MODERATE MEASURE OF PHYSICAL PRESSURE" IN INTERROGATING SUSPECTS; THE REPORT SAID.

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TURKEY-BULGARIA

DEFECTING BULGARIAN PARLIAMENT MEMBER ARRIVES

ANKARA, TURKEY (AP) - A BULGARIAN PARLIAMENTARIAN AND HER FAMILY ARRIVED IN TURKEY THURSDAY, FOUR DAYS AFTER THEY SOUGHT POLITICAL ASYLUM AT A TURKISH CONSULATE IN GREECE, THE GOVERNMENT SAID.

THE FAMILY, OF TURKISH DESCENT, MADE THEIR REQUEST IN THE NORTHERN GREEK TOWNSHIP OF KOMOTINI DURING A VACATION.

THEY WERE IDENTIFIED AS SEYDIYE TAHIROVA, A REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE PLOVDIV DISTRICT IN COMMUNIST BULGARIA'S 400-MEMBER NATIONAL ASSEMBLY, HER HUSBAND AHMET AND THEIR 4-YEAR-OLD SON TAMER.

PREMIER TURGUT OZAL'S PRIVATE PLANE PICKED UP THE FAMILY AND BROUGHT THEM TO THE CAPITAL AFTER THEY REACHED THE TURKISH BORDER BY CAR, STATE RADIO REPORTED.

DURING A FORCED ASSIMILATION CAMPAIGN IN 1984-85, MORE THAN 900,000 ETHNIC TURKS LIVING IN BULGARIA WERE REQUIRED TO CHANGE THEIR NAMES AND STOP SPEAKING TURKISH IN PUBLIC.

OVER 100 MEMBERS OF THE ETHNIC TURKISH MINORITY WERE KILLED AFTER REFUSING TO ACCEPT NEW IDENTITIES, ACCORDING TO INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS GROUPS.

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BESIDE THE OVERALL TOTAL RECORD; SULEYMANOGLU'S NEW WORLD MARKS ARE 152.5 KILOGRAMS IN THE SNATCH AND 190 KILOGRAMS IN THE CLEAN AND JERK.

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"I WANT TO SEE MY SON" CRIED THE OLYMPIC CHAMPION'S MOTHER HATICE, AFTER HER ARRIVAL INTO Turkey, ACCORDING TO THE SEMI-OFFICIAL ANATOLIA NEWS AGENCY.

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SULEYMANOGLU, AN ETHNIC ... 4TH GRAF

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BULGARIA-TRAVEL

MORE BULGARIANS GOING ABROAD: NO EMIGRATION TALKS WITH TURKEY

SOFIA, BULGARIA (AP) - THE NUMBER OF BULGARIANS TRAVELING TO WESTERN COUNTRIES DOUBLED LAST YEAR OVER 1987, WHILE THE NUMBER OF BULGARIAN TRIPS ABROAD INCREASED BY MORE THAN 200,000, BULGARIA'S CHIEF CONSULAR OFFICER WAS QUOTED AS SAYING FRIDAY.

DURING THE FIRST NINE MONTHS OF 1988, 760,912 OF THE COUNTRY'S 9 MILLION CITIZENS TRAVELED ABROAD, AMBASSADOR PETER VULKANOV, HEAD OF THE FOREIGN MINISTRY'S CONSULAR DEPARTMENT, TOLD THE OTCHESTVEN FRONT DAILY.

THAT WAS 200,000 MORE THAN IN ALL OF 1987, VULKANOV ADDED.

HE DID NOT SAY WHAT PERCENTAGE OF THOSE TRIPS WAS TO WESTERN COUNTRIES, SAYING ONLY THAT THE NUMBER OF TRIPS TO THE WEST DOUBLED.

EARLY LAST YEAR, BULGARIA SAID IT WOULD LIBERALIZE PASSPORT LAWS ALONG THE LINES OF COMMUNIST HUNGARY, WHICH IN 1988 GRANTED ITS CITIZENS VIRTUALLY FREE TRAVEL TO THE WEST PROVIDED THEY HAD SUPPLIES OF HARD CURRENCY.

BUT THE REVISED PASSPORT LAWS HAVE NOT YET BEEN PUBLISHED IN BULGARIA.

CHANGES MAY COME AFTER THE CURRENT 35-NATION HELSINKI REVIEW CONFERENCE ENDS IN VIENNA. A DRAFT FINAL ACCORD SHOULD COMMIT SIGNATORY NATIONS, INCLUDING BULGARIA, TO RECOGNIZING THE PRINCIPLE OF FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT.

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CARRIED OUT A CAMPAIGN FOR BULGARIAN TURKS TO CHANGE THEIR NAMES TO BULGARIAN ONES IN THE MID-1980s; DENIES THERE IS ANY TURKISH MINORITY.

"THE INVENTED PROBLEM OF SOME FOREIGN MINORITY IN THIS COUNTRY HAS NOT BEEN AND CANNOT BE A SUBJECT OF NEGOTIATIONS WITH ANOTHER COUNTRY," VULKANOV WAS QUOTED AS SAYING.

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THE MOSLEMS FROM WESTERN THRACE MADE IT CLEAR THEY WANT TO REMAIN GREEK CITIZENS BUT STRESSED THEY HAD A RIGHT TO FREELY PRACTICE THEIR RELIGION AND MAINTAIN TURKISH CULTURAL TRADITIONS.

CONCERNING CYPRUS, THE FOREIGN MINISTER OF THE BREAKAWAY TURKISH CYPRIOT REPUBLIC OF NORTHERN CYPRUS, KEMAN ATAKOL, SAID HE WAS PRESSING THE OIC FOR 'EQUAL TREATMENT' BY THE WORLD COMMUNITY FOR THE TURKISH CYPRIOT MINORITY AS THE ONLY WAY OF REUNIFYING THE ISLAND.

ONLY TURKEY HAS RECOGNIZED THE SELF-PROCLAIMED NORTHERN REPUBLIC ON CYPRUS, WHICH WAS SPLIT INTO GREEK AND TURKISH CYPRIOT SECTORS BY A TURKISH INVASION IN 1974 THAT FOLLOWED A GREEK-INSPIRED COUP AIMED AT UNION WITH GREECE.

'THE (TURKISH CYPRIOT) MOSLEMS WOULD HAVE BEEN WIPE OUT IF TURKEY HAD NOT INTERVENED,' ATAKOL SAID.

THE LEADER OF THE MOSLEM MORO NATIONAL LIBERATION FRONT IN THE PHILIPPINES, NUR MISUARI, TOLD THE MEETING THAT HE WAS WORRIED LARGE-SCALE HOSTILITIES MIGHT BREAK OUT SOON IN THE SOUTHERN PHILIPPINES.

HE TOLD THE ASSOCIATED PRESS THAT THE OIC HAD AGAIN DECIDED TO POSTPONE A DECISION ON WHETHER TO GRANT INDEPENDENT MEMBERSHIP TO THE MORO GROUP PENDING NEW EFFORTS FOR AN AGREEMENT ON MOSLEM AUTONOMY WITH PRESIDENT CORAZON AQUINO'S GOVERNMENT.

'I CANNOT FIGHT A WOMAN BECAUSE IT IS AGAINST OUR MOSLEM TRADITIONS,' HE SAID.

HE WARNED THAT THE MORO FRONT MAY SOON BE COMPELLED TO ACT UNILATERALLY IN THE AREAS IT CONTROLS, IF NO PROGRESS IS MADE ON MOSLEM AUTONOMY IN SOME PHILIPPINES REGIONS.

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BULGARIAN AUTHORITIES IMPOSE FINES ON MOSLEMS WHO SPEAK TURKISH IN PUBLIC AND HAVE SHUT DOWN DOZENS OF MOSQUES IN THE SOUTH AND EAST OF THE COUNTRY WHERE MOST OF THE MINORITY LIVES.

ACCORDING TO AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL, WHICH MONITORS HUMAN RIGHTS WORLDWIDE, MORE THAN 100 MOSLEMS WERE KILLED IN 1984-85 FOR RESISTING THE ASSIMILATION CAMPAIGN.

YILMAZ ALSO RAISED THE ISSUE OF AN ESTIMATED 150,000 GREEK MOSLEMS OF TURKISH ORIGIN LIVING IN THE NORTHERN GREEK PROVINCE OF WESTERN THRACE, WHO OFTEN COMPLAIN THEY ARE HARRASSED BY GREEK OFFICIALS.

"OUR ONLY WISH IS TO BE ASSURED OF RESPECT FOR THEIR SPECIAL STATUS UNDER THE 1923 AGREEMENT BETWEEN TURKEY AND GREECE WHICH IS ALSO CONFIRMED BY MORE RECENT INTERNATIONAL INSTRUMENTS RELATING TO HUMAN RIGHTS," HE SAID.

HE WAS REFERRING TO THE 1923 LAUSANNE TREATY UNDER WHICH ETHNIC MINORITIES WERE EXCHANGED BETWEEN GREECE AND TURKEY FOLLOWING A FAILED GREEK INVASION OF ASIA MINOR.

"UNDER THE RELEVANT TREATY PROVISIONS, THE MOSLEM TURKISH MINORITY IN WESTERN THRACE IS ENDOWED WITH A SPECIAL STATUS DESIGNED TO PRESERVE ITS RELIGIOUS, ETHNIC AND CULTURAL IDENTITY, AS WELL AS ITS PROPERTY RIGHTS, WHILE ASSUMING GREEK CITIZENSHIP."

A DELEGATION FROM WESTERN THRACE CHARGED THAT GREEK AUTHORITIES WERE CONTINUING TO DEPRIVE MOSLEMS OF THEIR RIGHTS, FORBIDDING THEM TO BUY PROPERTY OR HOLD GOVERNMENT JOBS, AND DENYING THEM PERMITS TO BUILD MOSQUES.

SADIK AHMET, A PHYSICIAN, SAID THAT THE WESTERN THRACE MINORITY INTENDS TO PROJECT ITS CASE IN THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WHICH GREECE IS A MEMBER. TURKEY HAS APPLIED TO JOIN THE 12-NATION TRADE PLOC.

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TURKEY BLASTS BULGARIA IN MINORITY PROBLEMS DEBATE

By ALY MAHMOUD

ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

RIYADH, SAUDI ARABIA (AP) - Turkey on Wednesday accused Bulgaria of escalating oppression against a Moslem minority of predominantly Turkish origin through its policy of forced assimilation.

Turkish Foreign Minister Mesut Yilmaz told a meeting of the 46-member Organization of Islamic Conference, "there is no improvement whatsoever" in the treatment of Bulgarian Moslems and urged the OIC to intervene with the Balkan nation's communist government for "a timely resolution of this modern-day tragedy."

"The ongoing Bulgarian campaign aimed at crushing the ethnic, cultural and religious identity of the 1.5 million-strong Turkish Moslem minority is nothing less than an assault against Islam," Yilmaz said.

"It is very unfortunate that the policy of assimilation, bringing only further oppression, is still carried on by Bulgaria in spite of complaints," he added.

He was addressing a session on Moslem minority problems on the third day of a four-day meeting of OIC foreign ministers.

The conference is expected to call for reactivation of a special OIC contact group for further discussions with Bulgarian authorities.

Since 1984, Bulgaria has carried out a campaign of forcibly assimilating Moslems by forcing them to adopt Slav names and

RESULT IN A DECISIVE CONTRIBUTION TOWARDS OUR AIMS AND JOINT GOALS," PAPANDREOU TOLD ZHIVKOV DURING LUNCH IN A LUXURY SEASIDE HOTEL.

THE PREMIER SAID HE HOPED THEIR MEETINGS WOULD UNDERLINE THAT "COOPERATION IN THE BALKANS WILL ALSO CONTRIBUTE TOWARDS SOLVING VARIOUS BILATERAL DIFFERENCES THAT UNFORTUNATELY CONTINUE TO EXIST."

ZHIVKOV ASSURED PAPANDREOU THAT "WE WILL FIND MANY POINTS OF CONTACT IN OUR VIEWS, BOTH ON BILATERAL AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS."

BACKED BY A NEGOTIATING TEAM CONSISTING OF THE TWO COUNTRIES FOREIGN AND NATIONAL ECONOMY MINISTERS, THE TWO LEADERS WILL ALSO DISCUSS THE THORNY ISSUE OF THE MESTA RIVER THAT RUNS THROUGH BOTH TWO COUNTRIES.

GREECE AND BULGARIA HAVE BEEN AT ODDS OVER THE RIVER SINCE 1975, WHEN THE BULGARIANS RESTRICTED THE FLOW OF WATER ACROSS THE BORDER. THE ISSUE REMAINS UNRESOLVED AFTER 10 YEARS OF NEGOTIATIONS.

THE GREEKS ARE BUILDING A HYDROELECTRIC PLANT ALONG THE RIVER AND WANT THE FLOW OF WATER INCREASED TO 500-MILLION CUBIC METERS A YEAR TO MAKE THE STATION VIABLE.

IN 1975, BULGARIA RESTRICTED THE FLOW FROM ABOUT 1.5-BILLION CUBIC METERS A YEAR TO 104-MILLION.

POLITICAL ANALYSTS HAVE SAID AN AGREEMENT ON THE MESTA RIVER PROBLEM COULD BOOST PAPANDREOU'S CHANCES AT THE UPCOMING ELECTIONS.

THE PREMIER'S POPULARITY HAS BEEN STEADILY SLIPPING BECAUSE OF CHARGES THAT HE AND SENIOR PASOK PARTY OFFICIALS WERE ALLEGEDLY INVOLVED IN A MULTI-MILLION DOLLAR FINANCIAL SCANDAL. IN ADDITION, HIS OPEN AFFAIR WITH A 34-YEAR-OLD FORMER AIRLINE HOSTESS AND PUBLIC QUARREL WITH HIS ESTRANGED WIFE, HAS SHOCKED MANY CONSERVATIVE VOTERS.

THE 70-YEAR-OLD PAPANDREOU, ARRIVED HERE ACCOMPANIED BY HIS GIRLFRIEND, DIMITRA LIANI, BUT DID NOT FORMALLY INTRODUCE HER TO ZHIVKOV.

THE TWO MEN HAVE MET SIX TIMES SINCE PAPANDREOU FIRST CAME TO POWER IN 1981 AND SIGNED A SERIES OF AGREEMENTS INCLUDING A "DECLARATION OF FRIENDSHIP" DESIGNED TO OPERATE ALONG THE LINES OF A NON-AGGRESSION PACT.

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GREECE-GREEK-BULGARIAN

LEADERS MEET FOR CROSS-BORDER TALKS

By PATRICK QUINN

Associated Press Writer

ALEXANDROUPOLIS, GREECE (AP) - PREMIER ANDREAS PAPANDREOU ON THURSDAY MET WITH BULGARIAN HEAD OF STATE TODOR ZHIIVKOV IN THIS NORTHERN GREEK TOWN FOR A ROUND OF CROSS-BORDER TALKS TO UNDERLINE COOPERATION IN THE BALKANS AND INITIAL A BILATERAL TRADE AGREEMENT. MORE THAN 2,000 PEOPLE GREETED THE TWO LEADERS AT ALEXANDROUPOLIS AIRPORT, WHERE THEY ARRIVED MINUTES APART ACCOMPANIED BY THEIR RESPECTIVE DELEGATIONS.

PAPANDREOU'S ARRIVAL LOOKED MORE LIKE A PRE-ELECTION RALLY AS SUPPORTERS OF HIS RULING PANHELLENIC SOCIALIST MOVEMENT (PASOK) WAVED GREEK AND POLITICAL PARTY FLAGS AT THE AIRPORT AND ALONG THE STREETS OF THIS THRACIAN BORDER TOWN OF 45,000. NATIONAL ELECTIONS ARE SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 18.

THE TWO LEADERS WILL HOLD A ROUND OF TALKS HERE BEFORE MEETING AGAIN IN THE BULGARIAN BORDER TOWN OF HASKOVO ON SUNDAY.

PAPANDREOU AND ZHIIVKOV WILL DISCUSS BILATERAL AND BALKAN RELATIONS AND SIGN A 10-YEAR ECONOMIC COOPERATION AGREEMENT THAT WOULD, AMONG OTHER THINGS, BOOST BILATERAL TRADE.

GREEK EXPORTS TO BULGARIA TOTALLED 42-MILLION DOLLARS IN 1987, COMPARED TO 71-MILLION DOLLARS IN IMPORTS.

"I FEEL THAT OUR MEETINGS TODAY AND TOMORROW IN HASKOVO WILL RESULT IN A DECISIVE CONTRIBUTION TOWARDS OUR AIMS AND JOINT GOALS," PAPANDREOU TOLD ZHIIVKOV DURING LUNCH IN A LUXURY SEASIDE HOTEL.

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KHASKOVO: JOINT VENTURES.

THE TWO COUNTRIES HAVE ALREADY SET UP 10 JOINT VENTURES SINCE A SIMILAR FIVE-YEAR AGREEMENT WAS SIGNED IN 1982.

"WE BELIEVE THESE BILATERAL RELATIONS ARE A DECISIVE STABILIZING FACTOR IN THE BALKANS," PAPANDREOU SAID.

PAPANDREOU SAID HIS TALKS WITH ZHIVKOV ALSO REVOLVED AROUND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NUCLEAR FREE ZONE IN THE BALKANS.

HE SAID THE DECLARATION THEY SIGNED WOULD EVENTUALLY LEAD TO THE ABOLITION OF ALL NUCLEAR AND CHEMICAL WEAPONS IN THE AREA.

BOTH CALLED ON OTHER BALKAN STATES TO CO-SIGN THE DECLARATION. THE OTHER COUNTRIES INCLUDE TURKEY, ROMANIA, YUGOSLAVIA AND ALBANIA.

THE GREEK PREMIER ALSO SAID THEIR RESPECTIVE FOREIGN MINISTERS HAD BEEN ORDERED TO TRY AND RESOLVE THE THORNY ISSUE OF THE MESTA RIVER, FLOWING ACROSS THE TWO COUNTRIES.

GREECE WANTS BULGARIA TO INCREASE THE FLOW OF WATER DOWN THE MESTA RIVER TO 500 MILLION CUBIC METERS OF WATER A YEAR IN ORDER TO MAKE VIABLE A HYDROELECTRIC PLANT IT HAS UNDER CONSTRUCTION.

IN 1975 BULGARIA CUT THE WATER FLOW FROM 1.5 BILLION CUBIC METERS A YEAR TO 104 MILLION.

PAPANDREOU'S CROSS-BORDER MEETING WITH ZHIVKOV WAS TAKEN ON A RE-ELECTION FLAVOR AS THE GREEK PREMIER TRIES TO REGAIN LOST POPULARITY AT HOME.

HIS RULING PANHELLENIC SOCIALIST MOVEMENT (PASOK) HAS BEEN SLIPPING IN THE POLLS AFTER ALLEGATIONS OF INVOLVEMENT IN A MULTI-MILLION DOLLAR FINANCIAL SCANDAL AND HIS OPEN-AFFAIR WITH LIANI.

ELECTIONS ARE SET FOR JUNE 18.

ZHIVKOV WAS ORIGINALLY TO PAY AN OFFICIAL VISIT TO THE GREEK CAPITAL BUT ASKED FOR A CHANGE OF VENUE AT THE LAST MINUTE.

BUT THE BULGARIAN PRESIDENT DENIED THE CHANGE IN PLANS CAME BECAUSE GREECE WAS IN A PRE-ELECTION PERIOD.

"THE TRIP WAS CANCELLED FOR NONPOLITICAL REASONS," ZHIVKOV SAID. HE DID NOT ELABORATE.

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GREECE-BULGARIA

TWO LEADERS SIGN ECONOMIC COOPERATION AGREEMENT

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KHASKOVO, BULGARIA (AP) - BULGARIAN PRESIDENT TODOR ZHIVKOV AND GREEK PREMIER ANDREAS PAPANDREOU ON SUNDAY SIGNED A 10-YEAR ECONOMIC COOPERATION AGREEMENT AND A JOINT DECLARATION CALLING FOR THE EVENTUAL REMOVAL OF NUCLEAR AND CHEMICAL WEAPONS FROM THE BALKANS.

MEETING IN THE BULGARIAN BORDER CITY OF KHASKOVO, THE TWO LEADERS ALSO SIGNED AN ACCORD FOR THE TWO COUNTRIES TO GIVE EACH OTHER EARLY WARNING IN THE CASE OF A NUCLEAR ACCIDENT.

GREECE HAS NO NUCLEAR POWER STATIONS BUT BULGARIA HAS GENERATING PLANTS NEAR THE GREEK BORDER.

"PRESIDENT ZHIVKOV'S PRESENCE IN GREECE AND MINE IN BULGARIA, BEYOND THE VERY IMPORTANT DECISIONS WE TOOK, IS ALSO A SYMBOLIC GIVING OF HANDS ACROSS FACTS," PAPANDREOU SAID AFTER THE ONE-HOUR MEETING.

GREECE IS A MEMBER OF THE WESTERN ALLIANCE WHILE BULGARIA IS PART OF THE WARSAW PACT.

PAPANDREOU ARRIVED IN KHASKOVO THE DAY AFTER ZHIVKOV PAID A ONE-DAY VISIT TO THE GREEK BORDER TOWN OF ALEXANDROUPOLIS.

THE PREMIER'S PLANE WAS ESCORTED BY FOUR MIG-23 JETFIGHTERS AS IT CROSSED INTO BULGARIAN AIRSPACE 100 KILOMETERS (MILES) NORTH OF ALEXANDROUPOLIS AND LANDED AT A MILITARY AIRPORT OUTSIDE KHASKOVO.

THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE GREETED PAPANDREOU AND ZHIVKOV IN THE CITY CENTRAL SQUARE WHERE THE TWO LEADERS JOINED SCORES OF TRADITIONALLY DRESSED PRE-SCHOOLERS IN A DANCE.

THE 70-YEAR-OLD PREMIER WAS ACCOMPANIED ON THE TRIP BY HIS 34-YEAR-OLD GIRLFRIEND DIMITRA LIANI. THE FORMER AIRLINE STEWARDESS JOINED PAPANDREOU AND ZHIVKOV AT LUNCH.

THE TWO LEADERS, ACCOMPANIED BY THEIR MINISTERS OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND COMMERCE, HELD TALKS IN A COUNTRY ESTATE JUST OUTSIDE THIS CITY OF 100,000 RESIDENTS.

"THIS WAS A VERY GOOD WORKING MEETING AND GOOD FOR OUR BILATERAL RELATIONS AND COOPERATION," ZHIVKOV SAID.

THE 10-YEAR ECONOMIC COOPERATION AGREEMENT SIGNED BY THE TWO LEADERS CALLS FOR INCREASING THE NUMBER OF JOINT VENTURES BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES, THE TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY AND CO-PRODUCTION OF GOODS.

"THESE AGREEMENTS ARE IMPORTANT FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF JOINT VENTURES. BULGARIA IS A PREFERRED PARTNER," SAID GREEK COMMERCE MINISTER YIANNOS PAPANDONIOU.

THE GREEK OFFICIAL SAID ATTEMPTS WOULD ALSO BE MADE TO EQUALIZE THE TRADE IMBALANCE BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES.

GREECE EXPORTS TO BULGARIA TOTALLED 42 MILLION DOLLARS IN 1987, COMPARED TO 71 MILLION DOLLARS IN EXPORTS FOR BULGARIA.

PAPANDONIOU ALSO SAID THAT A RECENT BULGARIAN DECISION TO BEGIN RESTRUCTURING ITS ECONOMY IN ORDER TO ALLOW LOCAL COMPANIES TO NEGOTIATE DIRECTLY WITH FOREIGN BUSINESSES INSTEAD OF THROUGH THE STATE MACHINERY, WOULD FURTHER FACILITATE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF JOINT VENTURES.

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TURKEY-BULGARIA

BULGARIAN ATHLETE SEEKS ASYLUM

ANKARA, TURKEY (AP) - A BULGARIAN ATHLETE WHO DEFECTED DURING A FENCING TOURNAMENT IN ATHENS HAS BEEN GRANTED POLITICAL ASYLUM IN TURKEY, THE ANATOLIA NEWS AGENCY REPORTED TUESDAY.

THE 18-YEAR-OLD ATHLETE, SEZGIN SAKIROGLU, ARRIVED IN ANKARA ON TUESDAY, THE DISPATCH SAID. HE SOUGHT ASYLUM FROM THE TURKISH AUTHORITIES IN ATHENS WHILE HE WAS COMPETING AT THE ACROPOLIS CUP 1988 FENCING COMPETITION LAST WEEK, THE AGENCY REPORTED.

RELATIONS BETWEEN TURKEY AND BULGARIA HAVE BEEN STRAINED SINCE 1984 OVER AN ALLEGED BULGARIAN CAMPAIGN TO FORCE THE ASSIMILATION OF 900,000 PEOPLE OF TURKISH ORIGIN.

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BULGARIA

BULGARIA LIBERALIZES TRAVEL LAWS

SOFIA, BULGARIA (AP) - BULGARIA LIBERALIZED ITS TRAVEL LAWS WEDNESDAY, WITH PARLIAMENT PASSING A SERIES OF MEASURES DESIGNED TO MAKE IT EASIER FOR THE COUNTRY'S 8.9 MILLION CITIZENS TO GET A PASSPORT AND JOURNEY ABROAD.

THE NEW MEASURES ALLOW CITIZENS TO KEEP A PASSPORT FOR FIVE YEARS, INSTEAD OF GETTING A TRAVEL DOCUMENT EACH TIME THEY GO TO WESTERN OR COMMUNIST COUNTRIES, THE STATE NEWS AGENCY BTA SAID.

BUT BULGARIANS WILL STILL HAVE TO APPLY AN EXIT VISA EACH TIME THEY WANT TO GO ABROAD.

THE NEW LAW STIPULATES THAT AUTHORITIES MUST GIVE WRITTEN REASONS FOR REFUSING A PASSPORT OR AN EXIT VISA WITHIN A MONTH OF APPLICATION, AND THAT CITIZENS HAVE THE RIGHT TO APPEAL DENIAL.

THIS MEASURE WAS LAID DOWN IN HUMAN RIGHTS PROVISIONS AGREED AT THE 35-NATION HELSINKI REVIEW CONFERENCE IN JANUARY IN VIENNA. BULGARIA ATTENDED THAT FORUM.

BULGARIA FIRST ANNOUNCED LAST YEAR IT PLANNED TO LIBERALIZE ITS CITIZENS' RIGHT TO TRAVEL. BUT OFFICIALS WHO ASKED NOT TO BE NAMED SAID THE LAW WAS DELAYED BECAUSE OF CONSERVATIVE RESISTANCE AND THE PROBLEMS OF GIVING HARD CURRENCY TO THOSE WHO WANT TO TRAVEL WEST.

SPEAKING TUESDAY IN PARLIAMENT, NATIONAL BANK GOVERNOR VASSIL KOLAROV, SAID EACH BULGARIAN ADULT TRAVELING TO THE WEST CAN CHANGE 150 DOLLARS WORTH OF THE NON-CONVERTIBLE LEVA INTO HARD CURRENCY EVERY THREE YEARS.

HE SAID NEW REGULATIONS WOULD BE ANNOUNCED THIS FALL, BUT DID NOT SPECIFY WHAT THOSE MIGHT BE.

TO DATE, THE FEW BULGARIANS WHO COULD TRAVEL WEST COULD CHANGE 100 DOLLARS A YEAR INTO HARD CURRENCY. ANY BULGARIAN LEGALLY EARNING HARD CURRENCY CAN STILL USE ANY AMOUNT OF THAT CASH FOR TRIPS WEST.

THE NEW LAWS PASSED BY THE RUBBER STAMP LEGISLATURE ALSO INCLUDED AN AMNESTY FOR BULGARIANS WHO HAVE DEFECTED SINCE 1945, ALLOWING THEM TO VISIT THEIR HOMELAND WITHOUT FACING TRIAL.

IN FUTURE, BULGARIANS WHO DEFECT WILL BE CONSIDERED TO HAVE COMMITTED A MERE ADMINISTRATIVE VIOLATION, BTA SAID.

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IRAN-BULGARIA

BULGARIAN TRADE MINISTER IN TEHRAN

NICOSIA, CYPRUS (AP) - BULGARIA'S TRADE MINISTER AND A HUNGARIAN TRADE DELEGATION ARRIVED IN TEHRAN SATURDAY FOR TALKS ON BOOSTING ECONOMIC LINKS, UNDERLINING IRAN'S GROWING TILT TOWARD THE SOVIET BLOC.

THE OFFICIAL ISLAMIC REPUBLIC NEWS AGENCY, MONITORED IN NICOSIA, SAID THE BULGARIAN MINISTER, HRISTO HRISTOV AND A HIGH-POWERED DELEGATION, LATER ATTENDED MEETINGS OF THE IRAN-BULGARIAN JOINT ECONOMIC COMMISSION TO PROMOTE LONG-TERM COOPERATION TO THE YEAR 2,000.

THEY SIGNED AN ACCORD FOR AIR AND SEA LINKS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES AND URGED SURFACE TRANSPORT LINKS THROUGH THE SOVIET UNION, IRAN'S NORTHERN NEIGHBOR.

UNDER THE AGREEMENT, IRNA SAID, IRAN WILL BUY SHIPS FROM BULGARIA AND COOPERATE IN RAIL AND HARBOR PROJECTS.

IRNA QUOTED HRISTOV AS SAYING BULGARIA WAS READY TO COOPERATE IN OIL AND GAS PROJECTS AND INCREASE IMPORTS OF IRANIAN NON-OIL GOODS.

THE HUNGARIAN TEAM WAS LED BY THE DEPUTY FOREIGN TRADE MINISTER, TILBOR MELEGAS, IRNA REPORTED.

DURING HIS 4-DAY VISIT, HRISTOV WILL MEET WITH SENIOR IRANIAN OFFICIALS TO BOOST TRADE BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES, WHICH LAST YEAR TOTALLED 600 MILLION DOLLARS, IRNA SAID.

THE AGREEMENT ON LONG-TERM COOPERATION UNTIL THE YEAR 2,000 IS SIMILAR TO A PACT TO BE SIGNED BY IRAN AND THE SOVIET UNION WHEN PARLIAMENT SPEAKER HASHEMI RAFSANJANI VISITS MOSCOW NEXT MONTH.

HE WILL BE THE HIGHEST RANKING IRANIAN OFFICIAL TO VISIT THE SOVIET CAPITAL, UNDERLINING THE RAPIDLY IMPROVING RELATIONS BETWEEN TEHRAN AND MOSCOW IN RECENT MONTHS.

RAFSANJANI WILL ALSO TRAVEL TO BULGARIA AND HUNGARY NEXT MONTH TO CEMENT RELATIONS WITH THE EAST BLOC.

HRISTOV'S VISIT AND RAFSANJANI'S PLANNED TRIP COMES AMID A RESURGENCE OF ANTI-WESTERN FEELING IN IRAN, WHICH HAS PUSHED TEHRAN CLOSER TO THE SOVIET UNION AND THE EAST BLOC.

RAFSANJANI IS THE ONLY DECLARED CANDIDATE SO FAR IN PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS SCHEDULED FOR MID-AUGUST.

IN REJECTING THE WEST, TEHRAN HAS TURNED TO THE NON-WESTERN INDUSTRIALISED NATIONS TO PROCURE TECHNOLOGY NEEDED FOR ITS POST-WAR RECONSTRUCTION PROGRAM, LAUNCHED AFTER THE AUG. 20 CEASE-FIRE IN THE 8-YEAR IRAN-IRAQ WAR.

THE PROGRAM WILL COST AN ESTIMATED 500 BILLION DOLLARS.

IN RECENT MONTHS TEHRAN HAS SIGNED IMPORTANT ECONOMIC AND TRADE PACTS WITH THE SOVIET UNION, HUNGARY, POLAND, BULGARIA, CZECHOSLOVAKIA, CHINA AND NORTH KOREA.

U.S. OFFICIALS AND OTHER WESTERN INTELLIGENCE SOURCES BELIEVE THE IRANIANS ARE ALSO SEEKING MAJOR WEAPONS SUPPLIES FROM THE EAST BLOC IN THEIR DRIVE TO REBUILD AND REARM THE MILITARY FOLLOWING THE GULF WAR CEASE-FIRE.

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YUGOSLAVIA-ETHNIC TURKS

WITH TURKEY-BULGARIA; AUSTRIA-BULGARIAN TURKS

78 ETHNIC TURKS DEPORTED FROM BULGARIA TO YUGOSLAVIA

BELGRADE; YUGOSLAVIA (AP) - SEVENTY EIGHT ETHNIC TURKS, WHO RESISTED AN ASSIMILATION CAMPAIGN IN BULGARIA, HAVE RECENTLY BEEN DEPORTED FROM THAT COMMUNIST COUNTRY TO NEIGHBORING YUGOSLAVIA, THE TANJUG NEWS AGENCY REPORTED FRIDAY.

THE DEPORTEES, WHO WERE GIVEN LESS THAN 24 HOURS TO LEAVE BULGARIA ONLY WITH HAND LUGGAGE, ARRIVED IN BELGRADE AFTER CLASHES BETWEEN ETHNIC TURKS AND BULGARIAN SECURITY FORCES LAST WEEKEND, A TURKISH EMBASSY SOURCE SAID.

THE LAST GROUP OF 15 ETHNIC TURKS ARRIVED IN BELGRADE ON FRIDAY AND AFTER A BRIEF STAY IN THE YUGOSLAV CAPITAL LEFT FOR TURKEY WITH ANOTHER 17 DEPORTEES, TANJUG SAID.

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YUGOSLAVIA-BULGARIA-ETHNIC TURKS

BULGARIA IMPOSES EMERGENCY MEASURES IN TURKISH-INHABITED AREA; REFUGEE SOURCES SAY

BELGRADE, YUGOSLAVIA (AP) - EMERGENCY MEASURES HAVE BEEN IMPOSED IN EASTERN BULGARIA TO QUELL RESISTANCE BY ETHNIC TURKS TO AN ASSIMILATION CAMPAIGN; TURKISH REFUGEE SOURCES IN BELGRADE SAID MONDAY.

"BULGARIAN AUTHORITIES HAVE FORBIDDEN MEMBERS OF THE TURKISH MINORITY (IN THE VICINITY OF THE BLACK SEA PORT OF VARNNA) FROM LEAVING THEIR HOMES AT NIGHT," THE DEPORTEES, WHO DECLINED TO BE IDENTIFIED FOR FEAR OF POSSIBLE REPRISALS AGAINST FAMILY MEMBERS IN BULGARIA, TOLD THE ASSOCIATED PRESS.

RADIO BROADCASTS FROM NEIGHBOURING TURKEY ARE BEING JAMMED AND ALL MOSQUES IN THE AREA HAVE BEEN CLOSED, THEY SAID. POLICE HAVE FORBIDDEN MORE THAN TWO PEOPLE FROM WALKING TOGETHER IN THE STREETS OF THE LARGELY TURKISH-POPULATED TOWNS AND VILLAGES.

"HOSPITAL OFFICIALS HAVE REFUSED TO PROVIDE TREATMENT FOR THE WOUNDED, INCLUDING THOSE BITTEN BY THE DOGS," THE SOURCES SAID.

BULGARIAN AUTHORITIES EXPELLED 78 LEADERS OF THE ETHNIC TURKISH PROTESTS TO YUGOSLAVIA DURING THE PAST WEEK. THE DEPORTEES WERE GIVEN LESS THAN 24 HOURS TO LEAVE BULGARIA BY TRAIN, CARRYING ONLY THEIR HAND LUGGAGE.

THEY WERE RELIEVED OF ALL THEIR MONEY AND VALUABLES BY BULGARIAN POLICE AND BORDER GUARDS BEFORE BEING ALLOWED TO CROSS OVER TO YUGOSLAVIA, THEY SAID.

A TURKISH CHARTER AIRLINER WAS DUE TO LEAVE BELGRADE LATER MONDAY CARRYING ABOUT 60 DEPORTEES TO ISTANBUL; A DIPLOMAT AT THE TURKISH EMBASSY TOLD THE AP.

A SPOKESMAN AT THE TURKISH EMBASSY IN VIENNA SAID A PLANE WAS ALSO EXPECTED TO PICK UP BULGARIAN TURKS MONDAY FROM THE AUSTRIAN CAPITAL.

HE SAID AT LEAST 160 ETHNIC TURKS HAVE ARRIVED IN VIENNA IN THE PAST FEW DAYS.

EASTERN BULGARIA HAS BEEN THE SCENE OF VIOLENT CLASHES BETWEEN BULGARIAN SECURITY FORCES AND ETHNIC TURKS RECENTLY, IN WHICH 30 PEOPLE WERE BELIEVED TO HAVE DIED; BULGARIAN TURKS ARRIVING IN TURKEY SAID.

THE BULGARIAN OFFICIAL BTA NEWS AGENCY REPORTED THAT THREE PEOPLE DIED IN THE CLASHES, SPARKED BY DEMONSTRATIONS OF ETHNIC TURKS PROTESTING AN ASSIMILATION CAMPAIGN BY BULGARIAN AUTHORITIES. BULGARIA STARTED THE ASSIMILATION CAMPAIGN IN 1984 BY FORCING THE ESTIMATED 900,000 ETHNIC TURKS LIVING THERE TO CHANGE THEIR MUSLIM NAMES TO SLAVIC ONES.

THE BULGARIAN GOVERNMENT DOES NOT RECOGNIZE EXISTENCE OF A TURKISH MINORITY IN THE COUNTRY, AND CLAIMS THE PEOPLE CONCERNED ARE NOT TURKS BUT SLAVS WHO WERE CONVERTED TO ISLAM DURING FIVE CENTURIES OF OTTOMAN OCCUPATION OF BULGARIA.

ACCORDING TO THE LONDON-BASED HUMAN RIGHTS GROUP AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL, SOME 100 TURKS HAD DIED IN EARLIER CLASHES WITH THE SECURITY FORCES BECAUSE OF RESISTANCE TO THE NAME CHANGE CAMPAIGN.

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TURKEY-BULGARIA STY WHICH MOVED ON VVV WIRE AS V0269 ON WEDNESDAY.
TURKEY STARTED THE NEW PROCEDURE ON APRIL 3, ASKING THE SOFIA
GOVERNMENT FOR INFORMATION ABOUT MEMBERS OF DIVIDED ETHNIC TURKISH
FAMILIES LIVING IN BULGARIA. IN RESPONSE, BULGARIA SAID THEY WERE IN
NEED OF THE "REAL NAMES" OF THESE PEOPLE MENTIONED IN TURKEY'S LIST.
BULGARIAN GOVERNMENT CHANGED THE TURKISH NAMES OF ETHNIC TURKS TO
SLAVIC ONES DURING A FORCED ASSIMILATION CAMPAIGN IN 1984 AND
FOLLOWING YEARS.

MANY ETHNIC TURKS HAVE IMMIGRATED TO TURKEY AND LEFT FAMILY
MEMBERS IN BULGARIA. TURKEY TRIES TO REUNITE THESE FAMILIES THROUGH
SCHEDULED TALKS.

TURKEY, UNSATISFIED WITH THE BULGARIAN RESPONSE, NOTIFIED THE
BULGARIAN AUTHORITIES THAT IT WOULD SEND AN OFFICIAL MISSION TO
SOFIA AND DISCUSS THE ISSUE THERE.

THE TWO SIDES AGREED TO START THE TALKS IN SOFIA ON MAY 25. BUT
TURKEY, ONE DAY BEFORE THE SCHEDULED MEETING, ANNOUNCED THE
CANCELLATION OF THE MEETING AFTER BULGARIA INSISTED TO INCLUDE THE
AGENDA THE ISSUE OF ETHNIC KURDS IN THIS COUNTRY.

TURKISH AUTHORITIES SAID THE KURDISH ISSUE WAS A SEPARATE ONE
AND IF BULGARIA WANTED TO HAVE INFORMATION ABOUT THE SUBJECT IT
SHOULD FOLLOW THE STEPS OF THE CSCE PROCEDURE AS WELL.

BESIDES THE ISSUE OF THE DIVIDED FAMILIES, TURKEY ALSO REQUESTED
INFORMATION FROM SOFIA WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE CSCE AGREEMENT ON
TEN DIFFERENT ISSUES RELATED TO THE PROBLEMS OF THE ETHNIC TURKS IN
BULGARIA. NO RESPONSE WAS RECEIVED ON THESE REQUESTS SENT IN MAY.

TURKEY SOUGHT INFORMATION ON THE CULTURAL, RELIGIOUS,
EDUCATIONAL, BROADCASTING AND COMMUNICATION RIGHTS OF THE ETHNIC
TURKS. OTHER INFORMATION REQUESTS WERE ABOUT CERTAIN ETHNIC TURKS
WHO WERE WILLING TO LEAVE BULGARIA; ABOUT THE CONDITION OF SOME
ETHNIC TURKS WHO WERE IMPRISONED OR ON HUNGER STRIKES AND ABOUT THE
REPORTED CLASHES BETWEEN THE ETHNIC TURKS AND SECURITY FORCES.

TURKEY WILL NOW BRING UP THE ISSUE AT A CONFERENCE ON THE HUMAN
DIMENSION TO BE HELD IN PARIS MAY 30.

THE EAST-WEST THAW REGARDED AS A POSITIVE DEVELOPMENT BY TURKEY
AND FOREIGN MINISTRY SPOKESMAN INAL BATU SAID INCREASED OPENNESS IS
DEVELOPING RATHER RAPIDLY. BUT, HE SAID, BULGARIA HAS REMAINED
PRIMITIVE AND OUT OF STEP WITH THE TIMES AND IS NOT KEEPING UP WITH
THE IMPROVEMENTS.

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TURKEY-BULGARIA

TURKEY PROTESTS INTRUSION BY BULGARIAN PATROL BOAT

ANKARA, Turkey (AP) - Turkey on Tuesday warned Bulgaria of "possible grave consequences" if another Bulgarian patrol boat enters Turkish territorial waters and fires on Turkish vessels.

The Foreign Ministry said a Bulgarian military patrol boat entered Turkish Black Sea waters on Monday near the village of Igneada, about 30 kilometers (18 miles from the border), and opened fire on six Turkish fishing vessels.

It said a Turkish patrol boat arrived 15 minutes later and that the Bulgarians, as they withdrew from Turkish waters, opened fire on the Turkish patrol boat. The ministry said the Turkish boat returned fire, but that there were no casualties.

The ministry said the Bulgarian ambassador was summoned to the ministry, given a strong protest of the incident and warned about the "possible grave consequences" if such an incident reoccurred.

Relations between Turkey and Bulgaria have been strained since 1984 over an alleged Bulgarian campaign to force the assimilation of 900,000 people of Turkish origin.

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TURKEY-BULGARIA

10 BULGARIANS SEEK ASYLUM AT TURKISH EMBASSY IN HUNGARY
ANKARA, Turkey (AP) - A FOREIGN MINISTRY SPOKESMAN SAID
SATURDAY THAT 10 ETHNIC TURKS FROM BULGARIA HAVE REQUESTED
POLITICAL ASYLUM AT THE TURKISH EMBASSY IN BUDAPEST, HUNGARY.

THE SPOKESMAN, INAL BATU, TOLD THE ASSOCIATED PRESS THAT THE 10
BULGARIANS HAD SOUGHT ASYLUM OVER THE PAST 10 DAYS.

HE SAID TURKEY HAS ASKED HUNGARY TO ALLOW THE GROUP TO LEAVE
FOR TURKEY, BUT HAS NOT YET RECEIVED A REPLY.

BATU SAID THE 10 WERE TEMPORARILY SETTLED AT BOARDING HOUSES IN
BUDAPEST.

RELATIONS BETWEEN TURKEY AND BULGARIA HAVE BEEN STRAINED SINCE
1984 OVER AN ALLEGED BULGARIAN CAMPAIGN TO FORCE THE ASSIMILATION
OF 900,000 PEOPLE OF TURKISH ORIGIN.

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TURKEY-BULGARIA

33 BULGARIANS GRANTED ASYLUM IN TURKEY

ANKARA, Turkey (AP) - A GROUP OF 33 ETHNIC TURKS FROM BULGARIA, WHO SOUGHT POLITICAL ASYLUM AT THE TURKISH EMBASSY IN HUNGARY TWO WEEKS AGO, ARRIVED IN ISTANBUL SUNDAY, TURKISH NEWSPAPERS REPORTED.

RELATIONS BETWEEN TURKEY AND BULGARIA HAVE BEEN STRAINED SINCE 1984 OVER AN ALLEGED BULGARIAN CAMPAIGN TO FORCE THE ASSIMILATION OF 900,000 PEOPLE OF TURKISH ORIGIN.

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TURKEY-BULGARIA

TURKEY DEMANDS INFORMATION FROM BULGARIA ABOUT CLASHES

ANKARA, Turkey (AP) - Turkey has formally asked Bulgaria for information about clashes involving ethnic Turks, a foreign ministry spokesman said Wednesday.

Spokesman Inal Batu told reporters that the Bulgarian ambassador was summoned to the foreign ministry on Tuesday and was given a note over the matter.

According to emigre sources in Western Europe, an unspecified number of ethnic Turks were killed and injured in the disturbances in several parts of Bulgaria.

An emigre source in Vienna said fatalities occurred when police and troops opened fire on protesting ethnic Turks demanding more rights.

Turkish newspapers reported on Wednesday that 25 ethnic Turks were killed in the clashes in Bulgaria.

Two people were killed and three were injured in the clashes, Bulgaria's official news agency BTA reported Wednesday.

Batu said that in the past week Bulgaria had not allowed Turkey's consul general in Burgas, on the Black Sea, to leave the consulate grounds, citing unspecified "security reasons."

Relations between Turkey and Bulgaria have been strained since 1984 over a Bulgarian assimilation campaign for the country's 900,000 ethnic Turks.

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BULGARIA-CLASHES: 1st LD

ENDS: UPDATES WITH SOME 180 ETHNIC TURKS IN VIENNA

SOFIA: BULGARIA (AP) - TWO PERSONS WERE KILLED BY BULLETS SHOT BY SECURITY FORCES AND A THIRD MAN DIED OF HEART FAILURE DURING CLASHES WHICH OCCURRED THIS PAST WEEKEND BETWEEN ETHNIC TURKS AND BULGARIAN POLICE; THE OFFICIAL BTA NEWS AGENCY REPORTED WEDNESDAY.

THREE OTHER PERSONS, BELIEVED TO BE ETHNIC TURKS, WERE INJURED DURING THE RECENT OUTBURSTS OF UNREST IN THE VILLAGE OF TODOR IKONOHOVO, SOME 300 KILOMETERS (187 MILES) EAST OF SOFIA; BTA SAID.

THE REPORT SAID THAT RIOTS ALSO BROKE OUT IN "SOME POPULATED CENTERS OF THE REGIONS OF RAZGRAD (IN NORTHEASTERN BULGARIA) AND VARNNA (WHICH BORDERS THE BLACK SEA); ON MAY 20 AND 21."

FOREIGN DIPLOMATS WERE SAID THEY HEARD OF CLASHES BETWEEN ETHNIC TURKS AND SECURITY FORCES IN DULOVO AND KAOLINOVO; NORTHEASTERN BULGARIA; WHERE AN EMIGRE SOURCE IN VIENNA SAID FATALITIES OCCURRED WHEN POLICE AND TROOPS OPENED FIRE ON PROTESTERS DEMANDING MORE RIGHTS FOR ETHNIC TURKS.

MEANWHILE, IN VIENNA, TURKISH DIPLOMATS PROMISED THE AUSTRIAN GOVERNMENT TO PICK UP A GROUP OF ETHNIC TURKS FROM BULGARIA AND FLY THEM TO TURKEY; THE AUSTRIA PRESS AGENCY REPORTED.

IT QUOTED INFORMED SOURCES AS SAYING THAT AT PRESENT SOME 180 MEMBERS OF THE TURKISH MINORITY IN BULGARIA ARE AT PRESENT IN AUSTRIA. THEY ARRIVED IN SMALLER GROUPS DURING THE WEEKEND AND THEIR NUMBERS MAY RISE.

IT WAS NOT CLEAR TO WHAT EXTENT THEIR ARRIVAL IN VIENNA WAS LINKED TO THE CLASHES; BUT IN THE RECENT PAST BULGARIA HAS EXILED RIGHTS ACTIVISTS AND OTHER OUTSPOKEN NONCONFORMISTS.

IN THE WEEKEND DISTURBANCES, AUTHORITIES MOVED IN 5TH GRAF

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TURKEY-BULGARIA

BULGARIAN BOAT FIRES NEAR TURKISH FISHING BOATS; NO CASUALTIES
ISTANBUL, Turkey (AP) - A BULGARIAN PATROL BOAT ENTERED TURKISH
WATERS AND FIRED NEAR TURKISH FISHING BOATS ON MONDAY, BUT NO
DAMAGE OR INJURIES WERE REPORTED, THE SEMI-OFFICIAL ANATOLIA NEWS
AGENCY SAID.

THE AGENCY QUOTED BLACK SEA COASTAL CITY DEPUTY GOVERNOR MEHMET
ALI ULUSAL AS SAYING THAT THE VESSEL ENTERED TURKISH WATERS OFF THE
SHORE OF THE VILLAGE OF IGNEADA, SOME 30 KILOMETERS (19 MILES) FROM
THE BULGARIAN BORDER.

"THE BULGARIAN VESSEL FIRED IN THE AIR TO FRIGHTEN THE TURKISH
FISHERMEN WHO WERE FISHING IN THEIR SIX BOATS IN THE AREA. IT FLED
AFTER TURKISH COAST GUARD BOATS CAME TO THE SCENE. THERE WERE NO
CASUALTIES AND THE BOATS RETURNED TO IGNEADA," ULUSAL WAS QUOTED
BY ANATOLIA AS SAYING.

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IT ADDED THAT ONE MAN DIED DURING THE RIOTS IN THE TOWN OF KARLINOVO; AND THAT A POST MORTEM FOUND THAT HEART FAILURE WAS THE CAUSE OF DEATH.

BTA BLAMED THE DISTURBANCES ON "INACCURATE INFORMATION PROVIDED BY SOME LOCAL AUTHORITIES" ON RECENTLY LIBERALIZED TRAVEL LAWS; WHICH ALLEGEDLY CREATED "MISUNDERSTANDINGS AMONG CERTAIN STRATA OF THE POPULATION."

THE NEW MEASURES, PASSED BY THE COUNTRY'S PARLIAMENT EARLIER THIS MONTH, MAKE IT EASIER FOR THE COUNTRY'S 8.9 MILLION CITIZENS TO GET A PASSPORT AND JOURNEY ABROAD.

THEY ALSO APPARENTLY MAKE EASIER FOR BULGARIAN CITIZENS TO EMIGRATE; A MEASURE WHICH WILL AFFECT MAINLY THE COUNTRY'S ESTIMATED 900,000 ETHNIC TURKS.

BUT THE OFFICIAL REPORT DID NOT EXACTLY EXPLAIN HOW THE ALLEGED "MISUNDERSTANDINGS" ON THE ENFORCEMENT OF THE EASED TRAVEL LAWS GAVE RISE TO THE OUTBURSTS OF UNREST; ONE OF THE WORST SINCE A CAMPAIGN IN THE EARLY 1980s BY BULGARIAN COMMUNIST AUTHORITIES TO GET ETHNIC TURKS TO ADOPT BULGARIAN-SOUNDING NAMES; RESTRICT THEIR MOSLEM RELIGIOUS RITES AND TO BAR THE TURKISH LANGUAGE IN PUBLIC.

BULGARIAN AUTHORITIES DO NOT RECOGNIZE EXISTENCE OF A TURKISH MINORITY IN THE COUNTRY.

MEANWHILE; EMIGRE SOURCES IN VIENNA SAID A PROTEST HUNGER STRIKE AMONG THE ETHNIC TURKS WHICH STARTED ON MAY 6 HAS SPREAD TO SEVERAL PARTS OF BULGARIA AND IS ESTIMATED TO INVOLVE UP TO 300 PEOPLE AT A TIME.

GROUPS OF PEOPLE WERE REPORTED TAKING TURNS IN THE FAST FOR A FEW DAYS TO PUBLICIZE THE PLIGHT OF THE TURKISH MINORITY PRIOR TO A HUMAN RIGHTS CONFERENCE STARTING IN PARIS MAY 30.

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BULGARIA-CLASHES

OFFICIAL NEWS AGENCY CONFIRMS THREE PEOPLE DIED IN CLASHES WITH SECURITY FORCES

SOFIA, BULGARIA (AP) - TWO PERSONS WERE KILLED BY BULLETS SHOT BY SECURITY FORCES AND A THIRD MAN DIED OF HEART FAILURE DURING THE CLASHES WHICH OCCURRED THIS PAST WEEKEND BETWEEN ETHNIC TURKS AND BULGARIAN POLICE; THE OFFICIAL BTA NEWS AGENCY REPORTED WEDNESDAY.

THREE OTHER PERSONS, BELIEVED TO BE ETHNIC TURKS, WERE INJURED DURING THE RECENT OUTBURSTS OF UNREST IN THE VILLAGE OF TODOR IKONOHOVO, SOME 300 KILOMETERS (187 MILES) EAST OF SOFIA, BTA SAID.

THE REPORT SAID THAT RIOTS ALSO BROKE OUT IN "SOME POPULATED CENTERS OF THE REGIONS OF RAZGRAD (IN NORTHEASTERN BULGARIA) AND VARNA (WHICH BORDERS THE BLACK SEA), ON MAY 20 AND 21."

FOREIGN DIPLOMATS HERE SAID THEY HEARD OF CLASHES BETWEEN ETHNIC TURKS AND SECURITY FORCES IN DULOVO AND KAOLINOVO, NORTHEASTERN BULGARIA; WHERE AN EMIGRE SOURCE IN VIENNA SAID FATALITIES OCCURRED WHEN POLICE AND TROOPS OPENED FIRE ON PROTESTERS DEMANDING MORE RIGHTS FOR ETHNIC TURKS.

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BULGARIA-CLASHES

ETHNIC TURKS DIE IN CLASHES WITH SECURITY FORCES

BY ROLAND PRINZ

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VIENNA, AUSTRIA (AP) - An unspecified number of ethnic Turks have reported killed and injured this past weekend in clashes with security forces in what emigre and diplomatic sources described Tuesday as a fresh flareup of ethnic unrest in Bulgaria.

It was one of the worst reported outbursts of unrest since a campaign in the early 1980s by Bulgaria's Communist authorities to get ethnic Turks to adopt Bulgarian-sounding names; restrict their Moslem religious rites and to bar the Turkish language in public.

A diplomat reached in Sofia said he had heard of fatalities but did not have concrete figures in clashes he said occurred in northeastern Bulgaria, home to many of the 900,000 ethnic Turks in the Balkan country.

Emigre sources, who like the diplomat spoke on condition of anonymity, said an unspecified number of people were killed and injured in the disturbances near Shumen and Razgrad in northeastern Bulgaria. They said authorities have ordered a heavy presence of security forces into the restive areas.

According to the diplomat, there was a weekend protest demonstration in Razgrad involving between 4,000 and 5,000 people, and 200 arrests were made in the city, some 260 kilometers (160 miles) east of Sofia.

The diplomat said he also heard of clashes between ethnic Turks and security forces in Bulovo and Krolinovo, where an emigre source in Vienna said fatalities occurred when police and troops opened fire on protesters demanding more rights for ethnic Turks.

Authorities moved in tanks and helicopters after the clashes in Razgrad, the diplomat said, and communications to the city were cut.

One emigre source said thousands of ethnic Turks also took to the streets in separate demonstrations this weekend in southern Bulgaria near the ethnic Turkish cities of Kurdzhali and Iztobil.

Meanwhile, emigre sources said a protest hunger strike among the ethnic Turks which started on May 6 has spread to several parts of Bulgaria and is estimated to involve up to 300 people at a time.

A spokeswoman of the Committee of the Rights of Man, a government-approved group in Bulgaria, told The Associated Press by telephone from Sofia she could not confirm the fatalities or the reported protests.

She also said she had heard of only 50 people on hunger strike as of Monday.

Groups of people were reported taking turns in the fast for a few days to publicize the plight of the Turkish minority prior to a human rights conference starting in Paris May 30.

There is a long history of conflict between the Turks and Bulgarians, who were under Turkish rule for 500 years before 1863 and talk vividly of the suffering they say this brought.

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BULGARIA-CLASHES: 1ST ADD
VIENNA: THIS BROUGHT.

THERE HAS BEEN PERIODIC UNREST SINCE 1984 IN THE ETHNIC TURKISH AREAS OF BULGARIA. REPORTS OF INCREASING PROTESTS HAVE CIRCULATED AMONG DIPLOMATS IN SOFIA FOR AT LEAST A MONTH.

AN EMIGRE SOURCE SAID A SATURDAY CLASH IN KAOLINOVO, SOME 40 KILOMETERS (25 MILES) NORTH OF SHUMEN, WAS PROMPTED BY A PETITION FOUR ETHNIC TURKS SENT TO PARLIAMENT LAST MONTH.

THE PETITION, URGING AUTHORITIES TO REINSTATE THE MINORITY'S ETHNIC RIGHTS, WAS REPORTEDLY SPONSORED BY AN ETHNIC TURKISH LEAGUE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS.

ACCORDING TO THE SOURCE, THE FOUR ACTIVISTS WERE ARRESTED ON MAY 1 AND PUNISHED WITH LABOR ON STATE FARMS IN VILLAGES NEAR MIHAYLOVGRAD IN NORTHWESTERN BULGARIA, WHERE THERE ARE VERY FEW ETHNIC TURKS.

SEVERAL THOUSAND PEOPLE UNDERTOOK A PROTEST MARCH FROM THE VILLAGES OF PRESTOY AND ZEMEN TO THE NEARBY TOWN OF KAOLINOVO ON SATURDAY, THE SOURCE SAID.

TROOPS AND POLICE LET THE PROTESTERS PASS, BUT LATER OPENED FIRE ON THE CROWD, THE SOURCE SAID.

AN EYEWITNESS TOLD THE SOURCE SHE SAW ONE MAN SHOT DEAD AND A WOMAN LYING EITHER DEAD OR INJURED WITH A CRUSHED SKULL.

ANOTHER INFORMANT TOLD THE SOURCE, HOWEVER, HE KNEW OF FOUR MEN WHO WERE SHOT DEAD AT KAOLINOVO.

THREE MORE PEOPLE WERE SHOT AND KILLED AT TODOR-IKONOMOVO, SOME 60 KILOMETERS (ALMOST 40 MILES) NORTH OF SHUMEN ON SUNDAY, SAID THE SOURCE, ADDING HE DID NOT HAVE THE NAMES OF THE VICTIMS. AT LEAST TEN PEOPLE WERE SAID TO HAVE BEEN INJURED.

THE CONFRONTATION AT TODOR-IKONOMOVO OCCURRED DURING A WEEKEND MARKET WHEN POLICE WERE LOOKING FOR AN ETHNIC TURK TO BE ARRESTED, THE SOURCE SAID.

ONE FATALITY WAS ALSO SAID TO HAVE OCCURRED DURING A WEEKEND DEMONSTRATION OF SOME 5,000 PEOPLE AT DULOVO, THE SOURCE SAID. HE SAID AUTHORITIES USED WATER CANNON TO DISPERSE DEMONSTRATORS, BUT NO MORE DETAILS WERE KNOWN.

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BULGARIA-TURKS: 3RD LD-1ST ADD:0389<

VIENNA: STATE FARMS.<

ROMANIAN-HUNGARIAN RELATIONS HIT A LOW POINT AFTER THOUSANDS OF ETHNIC HUNGARIANS TRAVELED REGULARLY AND EVEN FLED ACROSS THE BORDER TO SEEK ASYLUM IN HUNGARY.

ROMANIAN LEADER NICOLAE CEAUSESCU HAS REPEATEDLY REJECTED KREMLIN-STYLE REFORMS. HIS HARSH REPRESSION OF DISSENT AND HIS ECONOMIC FAILURES LEADING TO RATIONING OF ENERGY AND FOODSTUFFS AND OTHER HARDSHIPS HAVE BATTERED HIS IMAGE IN THE WEST.

IN BULGARIA: THE FOOD SITUATION IS MUCH BETTER: BUT BULGARIAN PRESIDENT TODOR ZHIVKOV HAS ONLY PAID LIP SERVICE TO ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL REFORMS.

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BTA DID NOT REFER TO ETHNIC TURKS IN ITS REPORT BECAUSE OFFICIALLY THERE IS NO TURKISH MINORITY IN BULGARIA.

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By ROLAND PRINZ=

ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER=

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THE OFFICIAL ACCOUNT, COMING A DAY AFTER EXILE SOURCES AND A DIPLOMAT IN SOFIA SAID AN UNSPECIFIED NUMBER OF TURKISH DEMONSTRATORS WERE KILLED AND INJURED; HIGHLIGHTED ETHNIC TENSION THROUGHOUT EASTERN EUROPE.

FROM THE SOVIET UNION TO NONALIGNED COMMUNIST YUGOSLAVIA; ETHNIC MINORITIES HAVE REBELLED THIS YEAR AGAINST DISCRIMINATION AND DENIAL OF ESSENTIAL ETHNIC RIGHTS; OFTEN ENSHRINED IN NATIONAL CONSTITUTIONS.

THE DISTURBANCES IN BULGARIA WERE AMONG THE WORST REPORTED OUTBURSTS OF UNREST SINCE A CAMPAIGN IN THE EARLY 1980s BY BULGARIAN AUTHORITIES BAN PUBLIC USE OF THE TURKISH LANGUAGE; RESTRICT THE PRACTICE OF ISLAM AND GET ETHNIC TURKS TO ADOPT BULGARIAN-SOUNDING NAMES.

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THE OFFICIAL FIGURES CONTRASTED WITH THE ACCOUNT OF A ENIGRE SOURCE IN VIENNA. HIS ACCOUNT; COINCIDING WITH SIMILAR INFORMATION REACHING OTHER WESTERN CAPITALS; INDICATED THERE WERE MANY MORE CASUALTIES.

TURKISH NEWSPAPERS REFERRED TO AS MANY AS 25 PEOPLE KILLED IN THE CLASHES; BUT THESE REPORTS COULD NOT BE SUBSTANTIATED.

THE ETHNIC TENSIONS IN EASTERN EUROPE HAVE OCCURRED UNDER DIFFERENT POLITICAL CIRCUMSTANCES.

IN THE SOVIET UNIO; UNREST IN GEORGIA; AZERBAIJAN AND ARMENIA ERUPTED AMID CONDITIONS OF GREATER OPENNESS IN POLITICAL LIFE; WHILE ETHNIC ALBANIANS IN YUGOSLAVIA'S KOSOVO PROVINCE REBELLED AGAINST HARDLINE SERBIAN POLICIES.

AT LEAST 25 PEOPLE WERE KILLED IN A CRACKDOWN ON TENS OF THOUSANDS OF DEMONSTRATORS EARLIER THIS YEAR AS ETHNIC ANGER FLARED IN KOSOVO.

A LONGSTANDING FEUD OVER ROMANIA'S 1.7 MILLION ETHNIC HUNGARIANS ALSO CLIMAXED THIS YEAR; SERIOUSLY DAMAGING RELATIONS BETWEEN WARSAW PACT ALLIES HUNGARY AND ROMANIA.

HUNGARY'S PROTESTS OVER ALLEGED DISCRIMINATION AGAINST THEIR MINORITY ACROSS THE BORDER WERE FUELED BY ROMANIAN PLANS TO DESTROY UP TO 7,000 ROMANIAN VILLAGES; INCLUDING HUNDRES OF ETHNIC HUNGARIAN COMMUNITIES; TO GENERATE MORE AGRICULTURAL LAND FOR STATE FARMS.

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